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Common Council and the several departments will not be afraid to take theirs.

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

Alderman McEvoy moved that the message be referred to a Special Committee.

The President said it must lie over under the rule.

A petition was received from the ladies of Yorkville, asking that the sidewalks be paved. It was referred.

A resolution was offered directing the making of an ordinance that would effectually prevent encroachments upon the sidewalks of the City.

Alderman Tucker thought there was no occasion for such an ordinance. There was a State law and certain ordinances sufficient to prevent the evil complained of, if they were enforced. The trouble was that the Street Commissioners were in the habit of granting permission to obstruct the streets. He knew of many cases where, if the law were enforced, the fronts of some of the most magnificent buildings in the City would have to come down.

Alderman Barnes thought an ordinance necessary.

Alderman McEvoy expressed the belief the something definite should be done, by which the rights of all parties would be clearly stated.

Alderman Cornell was opposed to throwing obstructions in the way of architectural improvements.

It was finally referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion.

A communication was received from Chas. Oakley, proposing to clean the streets, for three or five years, for $200,000 per annum. The communication was referred.

A series of resolutions were read and referred, directing the Counsel to the Corporation to notify the New-Haven and Harlem Railroad Companies to comply with the terms of the resolution adopted December 24, 1856, within ten days after the passage of the resolutions; and, if the Company do not comply, the Counsel is directed to procure an injunction against their use of steam on the Fourth-avenue, south of Forty-second-street.

CENTRAL-PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The report in favor of issuing $250,000 Central-Park Stock was called up.

Alderman Tucker moved to amend by inserting $100,000 instead of $250,000. Lost.

Alderman Adams moved to make it $150,000. Lost.

The report recommending $250,000 was then adopted, by a vote of 17 to 3.

The majority and minority reports, relative to reorganizing the Finance Department, were called up and made special order for Monday next.

The report in favor of increasing the salary of the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to $5,000 per annum, was called up again and laid on the table.

The Board then adjourned to Monday next.

THE BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

The Board of Councilmen met on Thursday, the President, J. N. Phillips, in the Chair.

THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.

The report of the Special Committee on the state and management of the Comptroller's Office was presented. We publish it in another part of the paper.

Councilman Gyzander moved that its reading be dispensed with, and that it be printed in the minutes. So ordered.

The President presented a petition from Geo. W. Pell and others, to take up and relay sewer in westerly side of Third-avenue, between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets.

The report of the Committee on Wharves in favor of dredging the slip between Watts and Hoboken streets was presented, accompanied by a petition from numerous owners and occupiers, requesting that the adjoining basin might be cleaned out at the earliest opportunity. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

CROTON AQUEDUCT BOARD.

A communication from the President of the Croton Aqueduct Board was received, asking for an advance for some of the officials connected with his department. On the question of laying the paper on the table, 19 voted in the affirmative and 22 in the negative. Motion lost. Referred to Committee on Salaries and Offices.

A resolution was offered by Councilman Hughes, that the City Inspector be and hereby is requested to furnish this Board with information why the laborers employed in cleaning the streets have not been paid. Resolution adopted.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE.

A message from His Honor the Mayor was received, and is reported at length in the proceedings of the Board of Aldermen. It will be found in another part of the paper. It was moved by Councilman Kennedy that its reading be dispensed with.

Councilman Gyzander thought it ought to be read. He had read it, and it was such a pretty piece of composition he should say it was worth listening to.

After some interchange of civilities, the word "buncombe" being emphatically prominent, the document, which was said to be brief, was read by the Clerk. As he proceeded, there was more silence and greater attention on the part of members.

Councilman Bodle renewed his motion to refer the matter to a special Committee of five.

Councilman Gyzander moved as an amendment, that a Committee be instructed to report before the December election.

Councilman Crane wished to know whether Councilman Gyzander really regarded the message as "buncombe."

Councilman Bulteel thought a report could be called up from a Committee at any time. If any "buncombe" was made, it was by the Mayor's opponents. He did not hesitate to avow that he was a friend of the Mayor, and every message his Honor had sent had been subjected to some blackguard sneer.

Councilman Crane had no doubt the Committee would "flour" Councilman Bulteel if they had a chance, but he should not "flour" him.

Councilman Meenan made some eloquent remarks in favor of the Mayor.

Councilman Haswell moved to lay the amendment of Councilman Gyzander on the table.

The Chair decided that such a motion carried the whole subject. The motion to lay on the table was lost.

Councilman Gyzander said the message was only intended for popular effect. He did not care how soon the Committee reported—the sooner the better. He did not believe there was any prospect of the Board going into the flour and beef line, now or at any time, either here or in California.

On the motion that the matter be referred to a Committee of five, Councilman Brady said that he hoped the Committee would report as to many merchants who were going fast into beggary. If they were making money they would assist the poor merchants who are doing business upon extension of paper, and now they were to be crippled by additional taxation. Let the Committee regard all classes.

Councilman Meenan would say he did not believe that to take care of the rich was to take care of the poor. It was a matter of compulsion and duty to take care of the poor—merchants and bankers could take care of themselves.

Councilman McCarthy had no objection to consider the case of the broken-down gentlemen in the Fifteenth Ward, if they really wished to take to breaking stone during the Winter. (Laughter.)

Councilman Gyzander thought that these expensive gentlemen, who had expended their money in policy gambling, ought to have none of the flour.

Ultimately it was agreed to appoint Councilmen Boole, Balch, Van Tine, J. G. Hunt, and Noyes, a Committee to report previous to the 1st of November.

THE DEPARTMENTS.

It was moved that the Board concur with the Board of Aldermen in reorganizing the Departments, particularly the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen, according to the amendment of the Aldermen.

Councilman Brady inquired what was the original salary of the Chief Clerk of the Common Council. The President said the report stated the amount, and proceeded to read a portion of it, explaining that additional responsible labor would be required, and that some salaries must, of necessity, be raised. The motion was carried.

It was moved that the Board go into Committee of the Whole.

Councilman Brady objected. There were reports to be taken up of great importance.

Councilman Hughes wished to go into third readings.

Councilman Brady objected to that.

The suggestion of Councilman Hughes prevailed.

THIRD READINGS.

The formality of reciting several bills and calling the names of members occupied some time. An adjournment was moved and lost. Other bills were acted upon. The motion to adjourn was renewed, and again lost. Several bills were passed to flag sidewalks.

Councilman Gyzander moved the call of the house.

Councilman Boole moved that the reports affecting work in the streets be laid on the table.

Councilman Gyzander was determined to divide the house. He wished to know the names of those who were so very anxious to find work for the poor.

The suggestion of Councilman Boole was adopted.

HARLEM GAS ORDINANCE.

The ordinance to light Harlem with gas was lost for want of a constitutional vote—26 to 9.

Adjourned till Monday, at 5 o'clock.

BUSINESS OUT OF THE CITY.

The *New-Bedford Mercury* shows how the Hard Times affect the whaling interest:

"We learn that out of 29 whaling ships now in port, 10 of them will be hauled up in dock during the Winter and their refitting delayed until the ensuing Spring. This course has been reluctantly adopted by their owners in consequence of the financial pressure and the present high rates of obtaining nearly every article of outfits. It is a matter of sincere regret that many classes of our enterprising mechanics will necessarily thereby suffer from the temporary lack of employment during the present season, but there can be no doubt that the measure is upon the whole eminently judicious, and indeed, has scarcely admitted of an alternative."

The Philadelphia bookbinders feel the pressure. Yesterday's *Ledger* says:

"This important branch of business employs a large number of persons, most of whom are females, who are engaged in folding and sewing the sheets for the binder. At this season of the year the different establishments are usually in full operation, preparing for the Christmas Holidays, binding Annuals and other descriptions of books intended for presents; but the trade has felt the effects of the Hard Times as well as others, and there is but little business doing now, and a number of hands have been discharged."

The Affairs of Nicaragua.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Oct. 22, 1857.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

SIR: Will you give space in your columns for the sentiments of a Nicaraguan, anxiously watching the progress of matters in his distracted country?

It is with ineffable pleasure that I perceive your Government wisely appreciates the interference of certain individuals in matters which do not legitimately concern them; and that the position of Señor Zabala is repudiated at Washington, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of those individuals.

I assure you the people of Nicaragua have not, since the late commotion, raised their voice at all in regard to the appointment of foreign Ministers; nor will they, until after the election of a permanent President; and when they do, neither Señor Zabala nor any other foreigner (for be it remembered, he is not a Nicaraguan) will be assigned to fill so important a post. The motives of his abettors now at Washington, of whom Mr. Joseph Walker is the leading spirit, are too transparent to need any comment. Suffice it to say, a job has to be perpetrated. Mr. Walker and his associates are to be put into possession of the Transit Route. This and the "con-sid-e-ration" are fully understood between them and Señors Zabala and Jerez; and it is essential that the fathers of the scheme should rush it through before my country recovers from its late convulsion, and a stable and legitimate Government is inaugurated, the news of which will in all probability arrive by next mail, as the election was to take place at the latter end of last month. It is obvious that, such a Government being established, the arch enemy of Nicaragua, who first introduced fillibustering into her Territories, would have but little chance of receiving any favors at its hands; but being so *de facto* in possession, you may rely on it, the Government would be defied, and another chapter of the unhappy history of revolution and bloodshed would be commenced in Nicaragua.

The above is putting the claims of Costa Rica out of the question. That we owe a debt of gratitude to our neighboring State none of my countrymen will deny, but how our future Government may determine to discharge this debt, I cannot of course attempt to prognosticate; for this, however, I can vouch, whenever the popular Government of Nicaragua resolves that the route shall be opened, let the grantees be who they may, the first claims of Costa Rica will have due consideration, and in this view it is of the first importance that nothing should be done until all these matters can be fairly and equitably adjusted by competent persons, deriving their authority from "the only legitimate source of power"—the people.

Yours, &c., CARLOS.

General Cushing upon the Recognition of Nicaragua by President Pierce.

To the Editors of the Boston Daily Advertiser:

I beg of you to be permitted to correct an error,—one of inadvertence, of course, which occurs in a *recent editorial article of the Advertiser*,—that which speaks in terms of just commendation of the measures taken by the President of the United States, to discountenance that pregnant exemplification of the higher-law doctrine,—the fitting out, in our seaports, *of organized expeditions of wholesale murder and* plunder against the unoffending inhabitants of Central America.

I allude to the following expressions of that article:

"The recognition of the existing *de facto* Government of Nicaragua notoriously accords with the policy of our country, but also, as we are inclined to think, with natural justice, and redeems the nation, as far as is now possible, from the false position which we have occupied ever since Walker's attempt at usurpation, never successful, was *recognized* as an established Government."—*Boston Daily Advertiser*, Oct. 14, 1857.

It is here assumed or implied, as a premise of conclusion, that "Walker's attempt at usurpation" in Nicaragua had been at some time "recognized as an established government" by the United States. Allow me to say that is not so. The Government of Patricio Rivas in Nicaragua was recognized by President Pierce. That was a *de facto* government, calling for recognition, according to the settled policy of the United States, quite as much, at least, as the government which now exists in Nicaragua. To be sure, Walker then commanded the forces of Nicaragua; but he did it, in profession if not in fact, only as the subordinate officer of Rivas. When, subsequently to this, Walker did, by simulated or pretended election, attempt to usurp the Government, he was not recognized by the United States—on the contrary, his Minister was rejected, on the express ground, among others, that he did not represent an established Government. It cannot be said that Rivas and Walker, because of their temporary connection or association, are to be identified as one, and thus the recognition of Rivas was the recognition of Walker; for the Government of Rivas was recognized, not because of the intruded presence of Walker in Nicaragua, but in spite of it; and the Government of Nicaragua, so far as it had any, continued to be administered by Rivas during most of the period of the attempted usurpation and of the eventual overthrow and expulsion of Walker—thus affording the most emphatic proof of the propriety of the recognition of Rivas by President Pierce.

I understand, or at least entertain belief, concerning the origin of the common error on this point. I think it happened thus: A not inconsiderable portion of the public press had become strangely infatuated with fillibustering, as it is called—piracy not being euphonious to the ear by its English name, but quite so in Spain; and in those quarters there was elaborate and systematic mystification of facts in the cause of the success and personal importance of Walker. Hence, with them, the recognition of Rivas passed as that of Walker. On the other hand, some prominent presses fell into the practice of speaking of it as the recognition of Walker in order to raise on it an argument of reproach to the Administration. Thus, the true state of the facts, though palpable in all the numerous published official documents and dispatches, failed to impress itself on the public mind.

A keen, but somewhat scornful, observer of life has said that everything in romance is true except the names, and that everything except the names is false in history. I suppose, however, there may be here and there a fact in what is denominated history. I really feel inclined to believe that such man as Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Charlemagne, Cromwell, Washington, Napoleon, existed and acted potentially in their respective times, on the fortunes of the world. But, as to all matters of detail, I am compelled obstinately to doubt, in view of the singular misconceptions regarding our own contemporaneous events and persons, which, notwithstanding that broad daylight of universal publicity wherein we live and move, (and partly, perhaps, in consequence of that very fact,) are seen to prevail in the most intelligent portions of the United States.

I am, very respectfully, C.

THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Mayor Wood Nominates Simeon Draper to Fill the Vacancy in the Board.

MR. DRAPER ELECTED UNANIMOUSLY!!

THE MAYOR DENIES FACTIOUS OPPOSITION.

Great Demonstrations of Applause, Astonishment and Consternation.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday in the second pair back of their house in White-street. All the members were present. General Nye inquired of the Mayor if he wanted the minutes read.

Mayor Wood replied that such was his desire.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accordingly read by the Clerk.

Mr. Bowen offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be directed to advertise in two or more papers in each of the counties embraced in the Metropolitan Police District, the provisions of law in respect to publicly keeping or dispensing of any intoxicating liquor upon election day within the said District, and to issue an order to the members of the Police force to report to their respective Captains, who shall report the same to the General Superintendent, the names of all persons who shall violate the said provisions of law;

Resolved, That on the receipt of the names of persons so offending, it shall be the duty of the General Superintendent to transmit the same, with the evidence of their guilt, to the District-Attorney of the County in which the offences shall have been committed, that suits may be commenced as by law directed, for the recovery of the fine imposed.

Mayor Wood supposed that the duty thus imposed on the General Superintendent was incumbent on him without any action of this Board. The law required that those houses should be closed on every Sabbath, and on every election day, and as the General Superintendent was the executive officer of the Board, it was his duty to enforce the law without any specific directions by the Board.

Mr. Bowen supposed the General Superintendent could not act without the directions of the Board.

Mayor Wood thought that even if the Board directed the Superintendent not to perform this duty, he would be bound, nevertheless, to do it.

Mr. Bowen said that the 21st section of the act set forth that it should be the duty of the Board, &c., &c.

Mayor Wood—To do what?

Mr. Bowen—To discharge the duties therein prescribed.

Mayor Wood—They are not executive.

Mr. Bowen read the section referred to.

Mayor Wood said it was undoubtedly the duty of the General Superintendent to perform the executive functions of this Board. The Commissioners were simply acting as the legislative department. He had no objection to the resolution at all, further than that he deemed it unnecessary.

Mr. Bowen was inclined to think that it would be safer to pass the resolution, for the Board were responsible, after all.

Mayor Wood repeated his objection, saying that the Metropolitan Police law, which everybody was supposed to know, made it incumbent on every person who sold liquor to keep his shop shut on Sundays and election days, and the resolutions, though not objectionable, was superfluous, for it directed the General Superintendent to do what the law required to be done.

Mr. Bowen said it was a matter of indifference to him how the thing was done, so that it was done in fact, but the resolution could be disposed of by the Board.

Both resolutions were then put to the Board, and carried by a majority of 2, there being 4 for and 2 against them.

Mr. Bowen offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be directed to advertise in two or more papers of each County within the Metropolitan District, the penalties imposed by law for assaulting an elector within said District, or any member of the Police thereof when in the discharge of his duty, or for any such member to neglect making any arrest for an offence against the law of the State, when committed in his presence, or for any person not a member of the Police force to falsely represent himself as being such member, with a fraudulent design.

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be directed to issue an order to the several Captains of Police in New-York and Brooklyn to deliver into the hands of the Inspectors of Election, in their respective Precincts, before sunrise on the 3d November, the ballot-boxes provided by this Board, and now in their possession, and to receive the same from the Inspectors or Canvassers on the evening of that date, and *store them safely in their Station-houses.*

These were not objected to, and passed unanimously.

Mr. Bowen offered another resolution to the following effect:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be directed to prevent, in compliance with law, the erection or maintenance of any booth or box for the distribution of tickets, within 150 feet of any polling place within the Metropolitan Police District.

This, also, was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Bowen offered a resolution calling on the Corporation *to grant a site, and thereon to erect a new* Station-house for the Police of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mayor Wood explained that under the old *régime* a site had been granted, and all that was now wanted was the erection of a suitable building.

Mr. Bowen's resolution was amended and passed in the following form:

Resolved, That application be made to the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, to erect on the site already procured a station-house for the Police of the Twenty-first Ward.

Mr. Bowen submitted another resolution, which was as follows:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be instructed to appoint two Patrolmen to be detailed on the day of election, the 3d of November, to each *election poll within the cities of New-York and* Brooklyn.

Mayor Wood said they could not adopt that resolution, and for the best of all reasons, viz., that this was a duty imposed on this Board, and it had not the power, under the law, to delegate it to anybody. The law said that the Board of Police must detail not less than two officers to each poll, and must appoint the poll-clerks; and they could not give that power to the General Superintendent. At least, they never could with his consent, and, beside, the law would not allow them.

Mr. Bowen inquired how the Mayor proposed to carry out the law?

Mayor Wood replied that it was to be done by the Board.

Mr. Bowen—In what form?

Mayor Wood—It is the Board by whom these patrolmen are to be detailed. I have already offered a resolution providing for the performance of this duty by the Board, and it was laid over by general consent.

Mr. Bowen—Mr. Cholwell did that.

Mayor Wood—No, Sir; I did.

Mr. Bowen supposed that the object of every member of this Board was to carry out the law.

Mayor Wood said it ought to be.

Mr. Bowen supposed that the resolution might be altered so as to direct the General Superintendent to report to the Board the names of two officers to be detailed to each poll, &c.

Mayor Wood supposed the contrary. The Board ought to be competent to do the business for themselves. He was in favor of referring the matter to a special committee.

Mr. Bowen had not, himself, any objection to the exercise of that power by the Board, but he thought that, under the directions of the Board, the General Superintendent had the power to detail these men. If, however, the Mayor had any objection, he (Mr. B.) would alter the resolution so as to obviate that objection.

Mayor Wood proposed that the resolution should provide for the performance of this duty by the Board at any time the mover of the resolution should see fit to designate.

Mr. Bowen would alter his resolution so that it might read thus: "Resolved, That the General Superintendent be instructed to report to this Board the names of two patrolmen," &c. &c.

Mayor Wood objected. He preferred that the Board should exercise the whole power.

Gen. Nye thought the language of this section a little queer and peculiar all the way through. It said that "it shall be the duty of the said Board to prevent any booths or boxes for the distribution of tickets," &c. &c. Now, it was obvious that it was not the intention of those words to devolve the duty on the Board personally of preventing the erection or maintenance of booths or boxes within the prescribed distance from the polls. He supposed, therefore, that whatever the Board instructed the Superintendent to do was done by the Board.

Mayor Wood very pertinently asked why then did not the Board instruct him to make appointments to fill up the force? If the General Superintendent had the power to act in the one case, and the Board give him the power to act in the other, why, then, might he not have the power to make appointments?

Gen. Nye believed that he (the General Superintendent) had made appointments.

Mayor Wood—Yes, but illegally. That is a duty placed here, and we should not be afraid to perform it.

Mr. Bowen did not think that the matter ought to make one moment's debate. He was willing to exercise that power himself, but he wanted information from the General Superintendent as to the capabilities of the men to be detailed, for the purpose of performing patrol duty at the polls. He had altered his resolution, therefore, to obviate the Mayor's objection.

Mayor Wood declared that that alteration did not obviate his objection.

General Nye thought that the plan suggested by Mr. Bowen in his amended resolution, was the shortest way of getting at the matter.

Mayor Wood was of opinion that the man who had made the appointments of the police ought to know the qualifications of the persons they had appointed, and that the recommendation of the General Superintendent in making selection of patrolmen for the polls was, consequently, entirely unnecessary.

Mr. Bowen had no objection whatever to get at proper results on this question. He would move, therefore, that the Committee on Appointments report to the Board on the subject.

Mayor Wood said it was not a matter of appointment. It was a matter of detailing men already appointed to perform a particular service. He should prefer that the matter be referred to a Select Committee, or that the Board should arrange the matter without any intervention, and set apart a certain day before the election for the purpose of detailing these officers and appointing poll-clerks.

Gen. Nye, as Chairman, then put the question on the adoption of Mr. Bowen's motion as amended, that is, that the General Superintendent be directed to report to the Board the names of patrolmen to be appointed to the several poll-districts on the 3d November next.

The resolution thus modified was adopted.

Mr. Bowen then moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Superintendent be directed to order on patrol duty on the 3d November, at such place as he may deem expedient, the special patrolmen appointed on the requisition of individuals and Corporations.

This resolution, by request of Mayor Wood, was laid over.

Mr. Bowen proposed still another resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee of Appointments be instructed to report to this Board the names of suitable persons to act as poll-clerks at the ensuing election.

Mr. Cholwell moved that the appointment of those clerks be referred to the whole Board as a Committee.

Mayor Wood was opposed to that resolution, for the reason he had urged against the adoption of the resolution for the appointment of policemen at the polls. Taking the past appointments of the Committee to whom the resolution assigned the task of reporting the names of persons to act as poll-clerks, he should say that, judging from the past, they would give the Republican Party every man. He was opposed to the exercise of any such power on the part of that Committee, and hoped the resolution would not pass.

Mr. Bowen stated that the resolution did not propose to vest in this Committee the power of appointing poll-clerks, but required simply that it should submit to the Board the names of suitable persons.

Mayor Wood said he was aware of the object of the report. The object was to procure a report from that Committee, and then, if it were not adopted, to charge those opposing it on the ground of their unwillingness to vote for improper men, with occupying a factious position. He was opposed to delegating to that Committee a power which the Board itself could as well exercise.

Mr. Bowen declared that the object of the report was to carry into effect that provision of the law which devolved on the Board the duty of appointing poll-clerks. He was indifferent as to the mode in which that object should be attained, but it appeared to him that it would be better to send the resolution to the Committee on Appointments, of which the Mayor of New-York City was a member.

Mayor Wood replied that the Mayor of New-York had never been invited to take a seat in any Committee since the organization of this Board, nor had he been made aware by any official intimation from the Board, that he had been made a member of any Committee.

Mr. Bowen thought the Mayor was unjust in his allegations.

Mayor Wood reiterated that he had no knowledge of any such action being taken.

Mayor Powell, of Brooklyn, asked how Mayor Wood proposed that these appointments should be made?

Mayor Wood said he proposed that the Board should make them.

Mayor Powell stated that in Brooklyn a list of poll-clerks had been made out in a manner somewhat similar to that here proposed, and it having been submitted to him in a fair and open way, he had not objected to it, and did not know but that that plan might be as good as any.

Mayor Wood—But that has not been done here.

Mr. Bowen—The Mayor is a member of that Committee.

Mayor Wood said he had already offered a resolution providing for the appointment of patrolmen at the polls and poll-clerks by the Board, and it had been laid over by consent. He was decidedly opposed, from his knowledge of the appointments that had been heretofore made, to letting this matter go into the hands of the Committee to which the gentleman (Mr. Bowen) *had proposed it should be sent. He had been told* now that he was a member of that Committee, though he had never been told so before; and he did not favor the proposal of handing over the matter to them, and incurring the risk of not receiving a report of the names until the eleventh hour, when there would be no opportunity of investigating the character and fitness of the persons recommended. In that event he would be obliged to vote against the report, and he did not wish to be placed in an attitude which might be represented as one of factious opposition.

General Nye said it seemed to him that this whole *controversy was based on a misunderstanding. The* Mayor of New-York had before him a list of the whole Police force. That had been before him a sufficient length of time to enable him to become as familiar with their names and characters as those *who had appointed them. That list would remain* before him (the Mayor) subject to his own criticism and examination, and by looking at that list upon the report which the Committee would make, he would be able at once to determine whether the persons proposed by the Committee were good and fit persons for the places to which they should be respectively assigned. He was free to say that he thought that this Committee had made good selections. He thought that if His Honor had seen that force that was out yesterday he would have been satisfied that they were men entirely fit for any service. He (General Nye) looked also in the mirror of the past, and judging (like Mayor Wood) from it, he thought that this Committee was a very safe one to trust.

Mr. Bowen disclaimed any partisan intention or desire for partisan action in the matter under discussion. All he wanted was a fair and equitable distribution of the appointment of these poll-clerks, and he would be the first to vote against anything like partisan action.

Mr. Serranahan, Gen. Nye, and Mayor Wood agreed that a day should be set apart for deciding the appointments.

Mr. Bowen insisted on the necessity of having the assistance of the report of the Committee on Appointments.

Mayor Wood asserted that it would be more satisfactory to him to have the thing settled openly and candidly and publicly by the Board, in the presence of the reporters.

General Nye said he did not understand the proposition of Mr. Bowen to require anything to be done secretly, but simply to procure a report of names to be laid before the Board for approval or rejection.

Mayor Wood had already given reasons why that course should be considered as of doubtful propriety.

Mayor Powell suggested as an amendment that a day be appointed on which the poll-clerks should be selected, and that that should be made the business of a special meeting.

Mr. Bowen had no objection to that at all.

Mayor Wood said that was all he asked for.

Mr. Bowen—Then you agree to the resolution as amended?

Mayor Wood—No, Sir; I mean Mayor Powell's.

Mayor Powell—I mean my proposition as a substitute for the resolution.

Mr. Bowen—I will accept it as an amendment to my resolution.

Mayor Powell saw no objection to that resolution, (Mr. Bowen's,) if the Mayor (Wood) would only meet with the Commissioners. In that way he thought much time and trouble would be saved.

Mayor Wood—Then let them appoint a special Committee. But judging from the past, I should certainly have very great reluctance in acting with the Committee on Appointments.

Mayor Powell then moved as an amendment that a select Committee be appointed by the Chair to name poll-clerks to act at the ensuing election.

Mr. Bowen accepted the amendment, and it was carried.

Mr. Bowen then presented to the Board the evidence in the case of Gale and Sergeant, two policemen of the Fourteenth District, charged with drunkenness. He recommended that they be admonished by their Captain to be more careful in future, and that they be restored and duty. The report was adopted.

He also reported that the charge against Andrew McConnell, for insubordination, had been proven, and recommended the suspension of his pay for 10 days.

The report was adopted.

The Board then adjourned till Friday at 11 o'clock, when the Chairman will report a Committee to report nominations for poll-clerks.

Police Intelligence.

GANG OF BURGLARS BROKEN UP.—It will be remembered that Officers Wilsey and Robb, of the Deputy-Superintendent's office, arrested a few weeks since, in this City, three burglars named Crawford, Downing and Carpenter, charged with being concerned in several heavy burglaries out of New-York. The principal burglaries in which they were charged with being engaged was the one in New-London, Conn., about a month ago, upon the store of Mr. Rogers, to the amount of $6,000 worth of silks and dry goods; the one in Newburg, a few months ago, upon the store of Mr. Hasbrouck, from which was stolen $2,000 worth of silks and embroideries; one in Yonkers, for $2,000 worth of goods, from the store of Mr. Augustus Rooney, and the recent burglary in Ellis-place, exceeding $1,000 in miscellaneous goods.

The three parties named being arrested were sent to New-London, where they are now confined in jail awaiting their trial. Bill Valentine, a noted burglar associated with these men, was arrested yesterday about 9 A. M. The officers had watched the house corner of Third-avenue and Twenty-second-street, in which he slept the night before, and seized him when he came out in the morning. He was so early that they gave him no opportunity for resistance. The Chief de Police of Newburg came down yesterday and the parties named were identified by witnesses. He was taken to Newburg last night.

Valentine is an old offender, and has served part of a term in State Prison for burglary, having been pardoned out by Governor Seymour before the expiration of his term of imprisonment. His family connections live in East Chester, Westchester County, and are said to be wealthy and highly respectable people.

THE MURDERER OF SWENSON BROUGHT TO THIS CITY.—Mr. Coddington, Constable of Woodbridge, N. J., who arrested James Rodgers, the murderer of Swenson, in company with Sergeant Lefferts, of the Deputy Superintendent's Office, yesterday brought the murderer to this City. He was taken from the New-Brunswick Jail, where he had been confined since his arrest. Rodgers does not confess the murder, but says that he was interrupted on the night the murder was committed, but has no recollection of what he did. He continues to insist that that night in the company of Cunningham and McGivney, the other boys who are arrested. He says he went home after separating from them, and changed his clothes, but cannot tell why he did so.

Rodgers is only 19 years old. He has lived in New-York only the last eleven weeks. During a part of this time he worked at the tin-shop No. 16 Maiden-lane. He formerly lived in Woodbridge, and was employed in the Salamander works at that place. Mr. Coddington, the constable, says he worked a while for him, and was a steady and industrious boy, and bore that reputation in Woodbridge. The prisoner was taken to the Sixteenth Ward station, and will be kept to await an examination before a magistrate.

FRACTIOUS HOUSEMEN.—Two drunken men named Patrick Flynn and John McCloud, yesterday night, got into a quarrel in a house in Cherry-street. McCloud, it appears, drew a knife and cut Flynn's face, and, staggering, fell into a neighboring shop, and upon being pursued by a large number of people, was taken out of the house, and McCloud attempted to be thrown, rushed at him with the knife, and cut it into his abdomen, inflicting a dangerous wound. Arrangements were taken to the Hospital, but probably will not avail. McCloud was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Clements, at the Tombs, and lodged in the Police Court, where Flynn was also arraigned as a witness in a case in the lower part of the City, and had nothing to do with the quarrel.

GAMBLING AT THE FIVE POINTS.—About 12 o'clock, Wednesday night, John Franchesworth was passing through Baxter-street when suddenly four men rushed upon him from a dark alley, and while one held him by the throat, two others held him by the arms and the fourth robbed him of $28 in cash. The ruffians fled, but Franchesworth gave the alarm, which soon brought officers Flynn and Clements, of the Sixth Ward, to the spot. Three of the robbers were arrested, who gave their names as Wm. Brown, James McQuinn and John Carroll. The man who got the money escaped. The arrested parties were identified by Franchesworth.

[illegible] by the North Star and Inagrace.

The United States Mail steamship *Nova Scotian*, Lamman, from Boston on the 8th, and Southampton on the 9th, arrived at this port yesterday morning.

The steamship *Kangaroo*, from Liverpool on the 7th inst., also arrived yesterday, but the advices by both these vessels have been anticipated by the *Europa* at Halifax. Nevertheless, we take from our Foreign files some interesting extracts from the latest dates.

The London *Times* says that the 7th of October, [illegible] was very generally observed throughout England. Rev. Mr. Spurgeon [illegible] the Crystal Palace [illegible] preaching to 23,000 persons. The receipts at the doors [illegible] amounted to £2,300, and [illegible] £1,000 more.

[illegible] Mar, alluding to the Chester [illegible] says that the most intrepid [illegible] is about that the horse [illegible] of the American turtles [illegible] Goodwood. Rivalry [illegible] Ascot, the Derby, the Oaks, the Doncaster Cup, the Goodwood. Rivalry [illegible] America, with the exception of the last, thought of *Babylon*—has been [illegible] Epsom, American sports [illegible] all other turf sports, have no notion of [illegible]

[illegible] the departure of [illegible] Pharamond, Capt. [illegible] Southampton Water yesterday [illegible] the Wafted [illegible] Saturday morning a [illegible] Captain DAUBNEY and [illegible] of the corvette were entertained at a dinner given them by the American officers [illegible] Lucerne [illegible] Southampton [illegible] the American officers [illegible] Saturday morning a [illegible] provided [illegible] Saturday morning a [illegible] gained access to the [illegible] in such an excess as to produce a [illegible] of the brain. He died within an [illegible] and was buried in Southampton cemetery [illegible] morning.

The news of the loss of the *Central America* had been received in England, and much sympathy is expressed by our English [illegible] A Liverpool paper says:

"[illegible] will be with pride at the recital of the [illegible] done by our countrymen in India [illegible] equally high qualities [illegible] difficulties by our kindred [illegible] The wreck of the *Central America* [illegible] as it was, presents [illegible] consideration, which [illegible] humanity. The [illegible] was truly a scene of [illegible] in the discharge of a duty which [illegible] in fact, neglected with impunity [illegible] chivalry appears [illegible] presence of peril the women and [illegible] case. He expected to [illegible] unhesitatingly. The [illegible] examined [illegible] work of men in aiding him. Capt. Hernandez [illegible] believed nobly, and their conduct and [illegible] the conduct of the passengers [illegible] resistibly in [illegible] of the high tone of the American mind. [illegible] enough, to be proud of them; all [illegible]

[illegible] Gold in the Central America, will [illegible] more than half the amount [illegible] Adult [illegible] Indian Indo. Every [illegible] lifeless heads, and for several minutes the cheering was vociferously kept up."

The Hudson's Bay Question.

From our own Correspondent.

LONDON, TUESDAY, Oct. 6, 1857.

Some journals having been the first to give the report of the Hudson's Bay Committee publicity, [illegible] to be [illegible] from your [illegible] which [illegible] Here [illegible] blue-book of 346 pages [illegible] the inte[illegible] evidence [illegible] the evidence has already appeared in the papers, during the sittings of the Committee, it is needless to recapitulate it, especially as many of the witnesses are well known in America, where the bearings of the whole question are probably better understood than in England.

The main point is, after all, left open, the Committee professing themselves incompetent to deal with it; and Mr. CHANCERY took, therefore, a very common-sense view of the matter in desiring to have the validity of the Company's charter decided upon before attempting to settle the boundary question. The subject must come before Parliament again next year, and it is to be hoped that some practical course will then be shaped out, by the aid of the suggestions embodied in the report, which will bring the whole question to an issue, and open to colonization and commercial enterprise the very extensive tract which at present serves the Hudson's Bay Company as a hunting ground for its trappers, and raises only wild animals where millions of quarters of grain might be grown.

It appears from the minutes of the proceedings, which are now first communicated to the public, that, in addition to the draft report drawn up by the Chairman, two others were submitted to the Committee. One of these was prepared by Mr. CHANCERY, the other by Mr. GLADSTONE. The chief, if not the only point of difference between them is the greater elaboration of the former, both being based on the principle of allowing the Company to retain only the districts that are made for settlement, and their forming the members into a separate colony, or annexing to Canada. Upon Sir J. PAKINGTON moving that the Chairman's draft should be read a second time, Mr. GLADSTONE moved an amendment in favor of his own, whereupon a division took place, resulting in a draw, Lord J. RUSSELL being on the Chairman's side, and Mr. HORSMAN on that of Mr. GLADSTONE. Mr. LABOUCHERE's casting vote was given in favor of his own report, the paragraphs of which were then considered *seriatim*. Several divisions subsequently took place, Mr. CHANCERY and Mr. PITZWILLIAM forming a small minority in opposition. Mr. CHANCERY's report was much less favorable to the Company than that of Mr. LABOUCHERE, of which the report finally adopted by the Committee is a modification. The Colonial Secretary was disposed to a compromise, and some rejected paragraphs of his report tended to produce a feeling of uncertainty as to the result of a judicial investigation of the validity of the Company's charter. It was his object to leave this question in abeyance and to settle that of the boundary by agreement between Canada and the Company, a policy suggested by the law officers, and concided in by the Company. Mr. CHANCERY took the popular view of the subject, and maintained that the validity of the charter was a question which naturally should take precedence of that of the boundaries of the Company's territories, inasmuch as, if the decision upon the former point was unfavorable to the Company, there would be no question of boundary to be entertained. During the discussion on the report, Mr. CHANCERY proposed the following amendment upon that part of Mr. LABOUCHERE's draft which forms the thirteenth paragraph of the report: "It appears to your Committee that unless the Hudson's Bay Company are willing to accept an offer upon equitable arrangement, it is obvious that, in bringing this to a practical decision, the question of the validity of the charter will then present itself to be forthwith ascertained. Pending the possibility of such an investigation, which your Committee consider may be rendered indispensable to any final arrangement, they forbear to express any opinion as to the course which should be ultimately pursued. But adverting to the willingness expressed by the Hudson's Bay Company to meet the desires of the Canadian people to obtain land fit for cultivation, and the establishment of agricultural settlements, your Committee think it right to express their opinion, that, in any event, the country capable of settlement should be withdrawn from the jurisdiction of the Hudson's Bay Company, whose objects and interests are admitted to be opposed to colonization." This, however, was one of the amendments which obtained the votes of the mover and seconder alone.

It has been stated in a Toronto paper that the reports of Mr. LABOUCHERE and Mr. CHANCERY were both rejected, but that of the latter gentleman by the small majority of one only. The whole of this statement is erroneous. The draft of the Colonial Secretary was not rejected, as the Committee adopted it as the basis of their report in preference to those of Mr. GLADSTONE and Mr. CHANCERY. Several amendments were made, and, in this improved shape the report of Mr. LABOUCHERE may be said to have been adopted with as much propriety as a bill is said to have passed the House of Commons, even though two or three clauses may have been struck out, and others inserted in their place. Mr. GLADSTONE's draft was rejected by the casting vote of the chairman, as already stated; but no division took place upon that of Mr. CHANCERY, which the Toronto journalist represents to have been lost by a single vote. As our correspondent does not once mention Mr. GLADSTONE's name, it is possible that his informant made the mistake of confounding it with Mr. CHANCERY's. The final adoption of the report was carried by a majority of nine, the dissentients being Messrs. CHANCERY, PITZWILLIAM, GLADSTONE, and HORSMAN. The six members who voted [illegible] (besides) were Lord J. RUSSELL, Sir J. PAKINGTON, Col. EMMERSON TENNENT, and Messrs. LABOUCHERE and MAURICE. Our Toronto correspondent is scarcely correct, again, in [illegible] of the considerable portion of Mr. CHANCERY's draft which modified in the Committee's report, as from a cursory perusal of the two documents the only paragraphs of Mr. CHANCERY's that can be discovered are those which are identical with the draft of Mr. LABOUCHERE.

Present Aspect of the Chinese Question.

From the London Times.

The present state of the Chinese question is such as only six months ago could not have been imagined by any statesman or any, or by any political outsider, of the most sanguine or most impressible class. Notwithstanding the great care taken in these days by all sorts of public men to record predictions embracing all possible contingencies, we feel sure that the actual result at this date eludes the skill and foresight of the whole pack of soothsayers. At the former date the nation was absolutely unanimous and exceedingly urgent that Commissioner YEH, and if necessary his master, should, with the least possible delay, be brought to terms of the most humble and submissive character. We say that the nation was unanimous for the only point on which doubts were at issue was the propriety or not of whether the right was on our side. Both parties were agreed that, rightly or wrongly, YEH and the Chinese must be punished for [illegible] and satisfaction must be exacted, and [illegible] into China. The present state of things is a singular commentary on that unanimous [illegible]. We are doing nothing, and are [illegible] nothing. Nor is there only one obstacle to our doing nothing. We all know what an honest and grotesque satisfaction people sometimes derive from a concurrence of disappointments, when they discover that even if one obstacle had not interposed another would; and an obstacle unexpectedly has been wedged upon them. [illegible] and our 5,000 men, sent in hot haste in season, have been diverted to Calcutta and Bombay. [illegible] with the [illegible] Senate Committee [illegible] war junks and river forts, only to go [illegible] and a sea [illegible] to have been [illegible] was [illegible] wrath in a [illegible] war junks and river forts, only to go [illegible] Hong Kong [illegible] [illegible] consideration [illegible] Hong Kong [illegible] took out, in all innocence, a letter to the French admiral, which, in foolish language, was to urge that functionary to immediate and effective cooperation. When the French Admiral opened the letter he found that it charged him most peremptorily on no account to stir till the arrival of the British Representative, which would not be till after the present month. Chinese experience is in the Chinese waters, and it is not improbable that when the French Plenipotentiary comes at last he may wish to consider a while what is next to be done. It is also not improbable that, as the soldiers would have had to wait for him, he may then have to wait for the soldiers. The result is that hostile operations, and even an armed negotiation, the only negotiation that can lead to anything, are adjourned *sine die*.

Nobody can claim the result as a triumph, and nobody that we know has ventured to claim it. Whichever way one regards it, one sees only the fallibility of all human prescience. The Chinese expedition cannot be a matter of regret, however abortive for its purpose, and however ridiculous the depart is derived from the event, when it turned out the most opportune aid, almost the salvation, of our Indian Empire. It has preceded direct communication by no less an march as two months. Yet no credit can be claimed for an expedition the first object of which has been treated as its authors with the utmost contempt, and which has been carried on thousands of miles to another. Then it may be said plausibly, perhaps truly, that the situation between us the Russian and Chinese were not to say the Burmese, which we had not been long out of, and the mere fact of our having two costly wars on our hands, rendered Government instinctive to the demand for more troops made by the Indian Government. Things have indeed have been bad when at the beginning of the year that Government had to temporise with mutineers at its own fort of Barrackpore till the arrival of European regiments from Pegu. The state of things had long been known here. Why were not five or ten thousand men sent out at once, to make up the proportion of Europeans in the Northwestern Provinces? Malice might suggest that Government was full of Persia and China. But malice does not suggest it, for not only must malice admit the Chinese expedition to have been a positive godsend to India, but malice has a sore conscience on another point. It was malice that, with a majority of the House of Commons at command, was, six months ago, compelling retrenchment, the reduction of army and navy, and the abandonment of taxes, without a week's delay. Never was there a more exigent or furious clamor. For the first time that we remember we found ourselves anticipated by the reduction of the Income tax, and surprised by the economy of the Budget. With retrenchment as the absolute condition of power, Government was naturally induced to try, if India could tide over the little difficulty this year, as she had often done before when the cry of "Wolf!" had been raised. It is said, indeed, that China was a matter not for the imperial, but for the Indian Treasury. But, as it happens, at that very time the two Treasuries were halving the costs of the Persian war; and it is a very old and general belief that England will ultimately have to pay every shilling spent in India. Malice, then, as we have said, being obliged to hold its tongue about the army and navy, and about India, has not a word to say about the lame and impotent conclusion of the Chinese expedition, thus far at least.

So what is to be done in the interval? Everybody should be taught, when young, to use scraps of time. A man once wrote a voluminous work while waiting for his wife, a quarter of an hour at a time, though we know not whether it was found equally available for readers under like circumstances. What is to be done when 20 coal-wagons, half as many Covent Garden carts, a proportion of hand-trucks, a barricade of granite across your main thoroughfare, a bridge fall, a bad cab horse, and a crowded station bring you just in time to see the door closed in your face, and you have to wait for another train? What is to be done when you sprain your ankle down in Scotland in the midst of the long vacation? Make the best of it. Do something that you would not otherwise have done, or would have postponed, to a less convenient time. So Lord ELGIN goes to Calcutta, and leaves there his best ship, his big guns, and his seamen. Our own correspondent taked a cruise along the coast, looking at woody heights, populous cities, groups of islands, mouths of rivers, war junks, pirates, fishermen, and water-postmen, recording photographic impression of that very strange land. He collects observations by that select number of mortals who know China well, gives us a little insight into the tricks of the tea trade, conveys suggestions that would otherwise only be found in blue-books when no longer available, and establishes a medium between English opinion and Chinese affairs. Everybody may know something about the country his tea comes from, and the trader who brings it; and the next treaty made with the Celestial Empire will not be the worse for a little previous discussion at home. We have great confidence that, as the expedition has not been thrown away, neither will the delay be found injurious. The only thing to prevent it is the chance of a still more extraordinary element finding its way into the Chinese complication. What if the rebels should anticipate us in the capture of Canton, and destroy at once our enemy, our creditor and our pledge? What if, while we are quarrelling, demanding compensation, and battling about terms, a carcass lies before us? Certainly our work will be done for us, but what will be the good of it? That would not answer our purpose. But stranger things have happened, this very year for example.

Reinforcements from India.

From the London Observer.

We do not pretend to be in the secrets of the Cabinet. But what need be secrets no longer, are the announcements that the standard for recruits for regiments of the Line is reduced—that a further addition of 5,000 men is held in readiness to embark for India; that is to say, four battalions of infantry and two of cavalry—and, further, that 10,000 more of the militia are to be embodied, in addition to the 15,000 already designated for garrison duty to supply the drain upon the troops of the Line sent to the East. It will be remembered that at the very eve of the prorogation of Parliament an Act was passed to enable the Queen to embody the whole of the militia force of the United Kingdom, if necessary. At the same time, a sum of £200,000 was voted to aid in the payment of so much of this force as was likely to be required. At that time it was supposed that from 10,000 to 10,000 men would be required of the militia. It is now found that a larger number will be wanted, and the Government are resolved to call out the requisite quantity. The question naturally arises, Will it be necessary to call Parliament together before the usual time? We believe that strictly for the purpose of the embodiment of the militia it will not be necessary to summon Parliament in November, inasmuch as Parliament has already given authority for that purpose. But if the course of events should render it necessary to call Parliament together the Government will not shrink from their duty, although, of course, they will not resort to such a step unless rendered more necessary than as yet seems likely to be the case.

The Ministerial Crisis in Spain.

Paris (Oct. 3) Correspondence of the London Times.

It is positively known that the Narvaez Ministry resigned on the 1st inst., and there is little doubt that on the 2d their resignation was accepted. This last piece of intelligence is not official, but there are grounds for relying on the private telegram that brings it. For some time past the Cabinet has been reported very insecure, in consequence of its disagreements with the Palace. Nevertheless, only a few days ago we were assured that the Queen had resolved not to part with her advisers, and that she smiled on them more graciously than ever. To those acquainted with the fickle and [illegible] character such smiles would seem a dangerous symptom. We have as yet no authentic details of the crisis. It is said that the father of Señor ESCRIDAR was included in a proposed new batch of Senators, and that the Queen positively objected, saying that it was already quite enough to have the same [illegible] Generals Lersundi [illegible] [illegible] undertaking to [illegible] already [illegible] which would probably be merely one of those short-lived Cabinets, known in Spain as [illegible] of transition. Bravo Murillo, who was in Paris last night for Madrid, [illegible] were sitting, he has probably a good chance of being shortly Prime Minister. Things are drawing their old course in Spain—each successive Government more and more [illegible] the activity which the nation, when [illegible] and then up go the barricades. This time the war in which the revolution of June was brought about will be not in the near anniversary [illegible] or 1854 commence another, [illegible] in [illegible] but probably more serious and [illegible] in its nature. The wheel turns round till abolitionism [illegible] to attain the ascendant, when this [illegible] goes under, and anarchy reigns in its stead.

Complications in Mexico.

From the London Times.

The advices from Mexico on this occasion [illegible] the result of the [illegible] United States, of the difficulty [illegible] being been referred to the arbitration of Spain [illegible] Prussia, which last [illegible] much satisfaction, although in Mexico it was not doubted that Spain had the strongest reason to regard a contest, and that the first gun fired would have been a signal for the loss of Cuba. Little hope, however, seems to be entertained that the assurance of peace will lead to any improvement in the administration of the Mexican finances, or the prospects of the English bondholders.

The question had been raised whether England and France in stepping in to adjust the quarrels of the country, and thus to strengthen its independence, would not feel morally bound to insist upon the clauses of its foreign creditors being duly provided for. Under existing circumstances their position could not be made worse, but might be benefited, by any violent change consequent upon the exhaustion from war, such as a dismemberment of the Territory, a reorganization of its provinces, its absorption by the United States, or a return to a military dictatorship. The argument is that if other Powers come forward to avert these consequences and thus to deprive the creditors of such last chances as even scarcely slight being, the obligation is involved of taking up their cause. The manner in which the leading Governments of the world continue to hold terms with such States as Mexico, Venezuela, &c., is a *blot upon the age*. If a private individual were to negotiate with blacklegs he would at once be disgraced, but it seems not to be thought unbecoming either for the Sovereign of England or France or the President of the United States to *admit to their receptions the representatives of nations for whose infamy and meanness it would be hard to find a parallel among the lowest cheats of the turf or the gaming-table.*

Even apart from the toleration shown to the denial of justice to our bondholders, who have primarily no absolute claim to intervention, however justly they may complain of countenance being afforded to their plunderers by the diplomatic courtesies from which they should be outlawed, there appears to be no vigor in enforcing those rights which have actually been a subject of political arrangement. Thus, a convention entered into by Mexico in 1851 for the satisfaction of certain demands of British subjects, and which received the signature of Mr. DOYLE, the British Minister, has been constantly allowed to be violated, and at this moment nearly a year has elapsed since the assignment belonging to it has altogether been stopped. If claims possessing the solemn character of a treaty stipulation can be dealt with in this way the ordinary English creditors, avowedly helpless, must not be surprised whatever may be the treatment they receive. It is evident that from the action of their own Government they get nothing but damage, and that a further illustration of that fact will now be afforded if Mexico is to be preserved from the natural consequences of her career, without being at the same time compelled to amend it.

The Late Douglas Jerrold—Charles Dickens' Reply to Blanchard Jerrold.

To the Editor of the London Times:

SIR: You were so kind as to give publicity to a letter we addressed to you on the termination of our labors, "In remembrance of the late Mr. JERROLD," making known their result.

Mr. JERROLD's eldest son thereupon gave to a letter of it's own what publicity he could obtain for it, making his own representation of his late father's affairs.

We knew our forbearing and delicate reference to them forced upon us by exaggerations with which we had been repeatedly met, and which the son had never contradicted) to be perfectly accurate, and we knew his account of them to be highly incorrect. We are extremely sorry to be obliged to produce the proof of this; but it is necessary to the clearance of our own good faith, and that of the gentlemen associated with us.

We have before us, under date the 21 of this present month, a letter from the solicitor to the late Mr. JERROLD's estate, (a gentleman well known in his profession, Mr. ASHURST, of the Old Jewry,) in which, after mentioning that there is a life assurance of £1,000, which is "Mrs. JERROLD's absolutely, and which the estate cannot claim, he informs the correspondent to whom his communication is addressed, "that he cannot understand Mr. BLANCHARD JERROLD's reason for writing this unfortunate letter;" that he thinks "he and his family ought to be set right on the matter;" and that if a certain claim be urged of which he has received the particulars, "the facts and figures show that the estate will be absolutely insolvent."

We quote this letter with its writer's permission, and we have now done with this subject for ever. Your faithful servants, CHARLES DICKENS,

OCT. 6, 1857. ARTHUR SMITH.

Children's Aid Society.

It is well-known that our enterprise in behalf of the poor children of New-York City has depended mostly for its means upon the generosity of the mercantile community. In this time of calamity among the merchants we can of course expect but little aid from them. We find ourselves now at the approach of a terrible Winter, unless assistance be given, forced to the necessity of at once contracting our operations, reducing the number of our visitors and thus of the number of deserving poor whose condition we can ascertain and whose children we might aid, and of closing our Lodging-house for news-boys, lessening our companies to the West, and repelling from our office the homeless and friendless we could otherwise assist. We place this before the public, hoping that there may possibly be those not involved in these crushing disasters, or those still with means for charity who can help us over the next three months. It is to be a fearful season for the honest and deserving poor; many an unfortunate girl will date her ruin from the desperation of this time; many a needy family will declare children first dragged into petty criminal courts and thus treat the temptation of this period of poverty and idleness. Thousands will suffer from hunger and cold.

Shall our association, which seeks to aid the unclothed and homeless children of the poor by giving food and shelter, by education, and especially, by transporting them to this home far away, be crippled at such a time as this?

Donations can be sent to the Treasurer, Isaac T. Maxwell, Esq., Trinity Buildings, 19 the Exchange; J. D. Wheelock, Esq., Metropolitan Bank, Wall-st., or to the office, C. L. BRACE, Secretary.

Children's Aid Society, No. 11 Clinton Hall, Astor-place.

POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Benj. Brandreth is the Democratic candidate for State Senator in the Eighth (Westchester County) District. John W. Beekon, the present Senator, is the American and Republican candidate.

John Gaugen, of Erie County, and Dillon W. Thayer, of Wyoming, are the Democratic candidates for Judges of the Supreme Court in the Eighth Judicial District.

Joseph Edgerly, of Suffolk County, is the Republican candidate for State Senator in the First District.

John A. Vanderlip, of Steuben, is the Democratic candidate for State Senator in the Twenty-[illegible] District.

[illegible] of the Seventeenth Ward, [illegible] Democrat of the Eighth [illegible]

John Rickey, of the Twenty-second Ward, is the Democratic candidate in the Seventh District for the State Senate.

Hugh Fairy has been nominated for the Assembly by the Democrats of Albany.

Smith Ely, Jr., is the Democratic candidate for State Senator in the Second District of Albany.

John Niles is the Democratic candidate for the State Senate in Albany County.

John [illegible] is nominated by the Democrats [illegible] County for the Assembly.

[illegible] Doig is the Democratic candidate for Assembly in Rensselaer County.

Ezekiel W. Whitney is the Democratic candidate for Assembly in Orleans County.

Lorenzo D. Gile is the Republican candidate for the Assembly in Columbia County.

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[illegible] Providence, [illegible] the Democratic candidate for Assembly in the [illegible] Ward, Providence, [illegible] respectable colored man, a steward of the city [illegible] Democrat, [illegible] Democracy, should have the [illegible] ability, [illegible] a candidate of his [illegible] Democrat, and certainly be some [illegible] not entitled to protection [illegible] not treated citizens of the United States.

The cotton crop in Texas this season is backward. Cotton yields well.

The manufacturers of Georgia have called a Convention at Atlanta.

OUR CITY CORRESPONDENCE.

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means upon the City Finances and Expenditure.

Councilman FRANCIS, last evening, submitted to the Common Council the following report from the Special Committee to which this subject had been previously referred:

TO THE HONORABLE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND COUNCILMEN OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

The Committee to whom was assigned the duty of examining into the public accounts and the books of the Finance Department respectfully present for your consideration this their report.

The apartments occupied by the Comptroller are by no means suitable for the business required to be done therein. There is not space enough to furnish sufficient desk-room for the present clerks, and books and papers of all kinds are mingled in one confused mass.

The number of clerks for the amount and character of the business done there is entirely too small; and even if their number were increased no room could be found in the present apartments for them to work in. The Comptroller himself is burdened with duties, and incommoded greatly for the want of sufficient accommodations. During the whole course of this examination your Committee have found renewed assurances (if indeed any were wanting) of his stern integrity as a public officer, and his faithful devotion to the financial interests of the people. Whatever discrepancies have been found in the books, or errors in accounts, want of system in keeping the books, or the keeping of no books at all, are not properly chargeable to the Comptroller, or it is impossible for him, under the pressure of accumulating business and duties, to be burdened with the details of the departments, which details should be managed and conducted by the various clerks and employes under him.

The examination made by your Committee has been extended as far as the limited appropriation already made would enable them. They found it necessary to secure the services of a practical book-keeper and accountant, which they did, and your Committee are of the opinion that no one more capable could have been selected.

Section 2 of the amended charter of 1849, says: "There shall be an Executive Department which shall be denominated the 'Department of Finance,' which shall have control of all the fiscal concerns of the Corporation and shall prescribe the forms of keeping and rendering all City accounts whatever, and all accounts rendered to or kept in the several departments of the City Government, shall be subject to the inspection and review of this department. It shall settle and adjust all claims whatever by the Corporation or against them, and all accounts whatever in which the Corporation is concerned, either as debtor or creditor. The chief officer of this department shall be called the Comptroller of the City of New-York."

Although by this section the duty is imposed upon the various departments of keeping their books and accounts as the Comptroller may direct, yet no power is conferred upon him to enforce the correct keeping of the books and accounts in the departments. Your Committee have been unable to find any books, papers or vouchers in the Department of Streets and Lamps; but, from information and belief, they would state that if any were kept they were taken by the late commissioner when he left his office.

In the Street Commissioner's Department, owing to the troubles there and the injunction placed upon the books and papers, your Committee have been unable to make as thorough and extended an examination as they wished. But they are satisfied that no regular and systematic set of books have been kept, in fact, so deficient and negligent has been this department in the manner of keeping its accounts that the Comptroller has been compelled, of necessity, to open and keep certain books in his office, which should be kept in the Street Department.

In the Tax Commissioners' Office they have a complete and systematic set of books, and your Committee have been well pleased with the business like manner in which the affairs of this department have been conducted.

In the Board of Education and the Almshouse Department, your Committee did not go, as for the year more expended by them they are not responsible to the Common Council.

Before proceeding to specify the various errors of commission and omission on the part of the subordinates of the Comptroller, your Committee are compelled to say, that the disordered condition of the financial department of our City government reflects seriously upon the uniform character which the City of New-York has always borne for business capacity and ability. All the financial transactions of the City of New-York centre in the Comptroller's office, and all the transactions of the various departments should appear in gross upon the ledgers kept in the office of the Comptroller.

Your Committee first proceeded to the making out of a balance sheet under date of 1st January last, the late date of the Comptroller's last annual report, a copy of which is annexed marked A. This document shows the various accounts of expenditure of the City Government, also the receipts, the stocks, bonds and other obligations due by the City, together with the assets of the same, or at least such assets as are upon the ledger. An examination of the various items on this sheet has led to the following results: The indebtedness of the City (see statement marked B) for which stocks have been issued as shown by the ledger on the 1st January, 1857, amounted to $17,000,000 7c the amount as shown by the Comptroller in his annual report, same date, is $16,894,156 00

Making a difference between the ledger and the report of $25,764 70

The Comptroller obtained his statement probably from the Stock Clerk, who is undoubtedly correct. The accounts of the Stock Clerk are clear and correct, and proven to be so. Your Committee have had this department thoroughly examined, and they can bear witness to the correctness of the account of the Stock Clerk his fidelity, and arduous duties. The Stock Clerk is right, but the book-keeper wrong. Where the error is more making the difference are to be found can only be ascertained by going over the various stock accounts, which would require time and labor.

The total amount of revenue and assessment bonds as shown by the Comptroller's reports of 1854, '55 and '56, (for the last report does not give the total amount outstanding) is ..... $5,000,000 00 (See statement marked C.)

The total amount as shown by the books is 4,841,595 00

Making a difference of $157,809 00

This difference has since been corrected, and would have been ascertained and corrected at the time, had the statement been made up directly from the ledger.

There also appears on the ledger of the Sinking Fund, folio 157, (see statement mark D,) a charge under the head of "Fire Loan Stock," amounting to $11,565 77. The Comptroller states in his annual report that the amount of Fire Loan Bond and Mortgage then on hand was $45,500. If this account Fire Loan Stock is intended to represent the amount of bonds and mortgages remaining unpaid of the Fire Loan, then there is a difference between the books and the Comptroller's report of $33,934 23. If this account is not intended to represent the amount of those mortgages outside, then the $45,500 mentioned by the Comptroller is not to be found upon the books, and the book-keeper himself is unable to tell what the account does represent, and your Committee are of the opinion that no one at present in the financial department can tell without going back to the commencement of the account and analyzing it (and, when found, correct it, being been paid off long ago). To correct this account a long investigation will be required, extending back through a period of 20 years.

This will have to be done to show correctly what bonds were received, what bonds have been paid, and when, and what remained on hand; then this account can be fully explained.

The following charges appear on the books against persons who have been collectors of the public moneys, many of them have legal suits. Some of them are outlawed by the Statute of Limitations. Some of them are just within the limits of the law:

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Thomas [illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	2,763 [illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]
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STATE POLITICS.

Address of the Republican State Committee to the Republican Electors of the State of New-York.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: In a government formed as is our own, and resting upon popular suffrage for its support, administration, and, to say in very existence, no person clothed with the prerogative of a voter can innocently intermit the exercise of the important duty to which he is called in the recurrence of an election. Duty to his country, respect for the memory and labors of those who laid the foundations of our political institutions, regard for present personal interest, a just sense of the claims of posterity, and above all a grateful appreciation of the blessings of self-government, when wisely administered, all call upon to a faithful exercise of the privilege which distinguishes the American citizen. The man who can only be stirred to the exercise of this high function by the din of popular turmoil and excitement, cannot be said to possess the disinterested or a perfect type of a man of system. No general election can occur in which bad or incompetent men may not be chosen to office, if virtuous and intelligent citizens neglect to exercise the privilege and duty through which such a result may be thwarted. Experience has demonstrated that times of comparative stagnation are those most dangerous to the well-being of the State. It was "whilst men slept" that the "enemy sowed tares amongst the wheat;" and it is at times when the popular mind is exhausted by previous excitement, and public watchfulness is seductively withdrawn, that men with personal interests to subserve and ambitious motives to gratify are most keen in the pursuit of their objects, counting largely upon the apathy of the community for the success of their schemes. Considerations such as these, aside from others of higher import, call upon the Republican Electors of this State to put forth strenuous exertions for the maintenance of their principles—demand from each the consecration of an hour, and if need be of a day, to the service of the State and country.

The last autumnal election evinced unmistakably the fact that in New-York, as well as in nearly every Northern State, the spirit which actuated our fathers in their struggle for Freedom—the principles of justice and equality which had been engrafted upon our institutions by those who framed them—was neither extinct in the minds of their posterity, or unappreciated by the large majority of our citizens. It needed but an occasion to witness the manifestation of a feeling as prevalent as it is deep-seated—a sentiment that scorns and condemns injustice and tyranny, whether inflicted under the aegis of State laws and the cognomen or a "peculiar institution," or enforced upon unwilling citizens by the bayonets of a Federal soldiery, under the illusory designation of "popular sovereignty." No man who rightly appreciates the American character will for a moment believe, that a sentiment at once just, tolerant and Democratic—the expression of feelings implanted for high and holy purposes in our very nature—can be either eradicated or overborne by defeat. No, it is not in the extinction of the honest convictions of the free citizens of the North, that the Slave Democracy place their confidence. Their trust is in the supineness of their Republican antagonists. Their hope of success is based upon superior activity—upon the conviction that their forces are largely concentrated in cities and villages, and can be easily brought into requisition; whilst the less corruptible rural population, from whose intelligence and patriotism they have little to expect and much to fear, are scattered over sparsely populated districts, engaged in earnest occupation, and too often prone to waive the exercise of their elective franchise. They point to the recent elections in Western States, and claim the diminished Republican vote as an evidence of the increasing popularity of the present General Administration; and derive from ostensible appearances, encouragement to fresh exertions against the majority of New-York. They strive to alienate the friends of freedom from each other; and whilst laboring themselves in behalf of an oligarchy which sinks all considerations of party and blends all shades of opinion into one of devotion to the supremacy and extension of Slavery, they endeavor to sow the seeds of discord among the ranks of the Republicans, and thus defeat every party success, however great that may be, so long as the great purpose of keeping subordinate those who agree upon the most vital principles of government. Blow far hopes and expectations founded upon assumptions such as these, are to be realized, the Republicans of New-York must answer. We call their attention to the subject in the earnest conviction that zeal, untiring activity, and persistent labor, from this time to the closing of the polls, are indispensable to the maintenance of the proud position which New-York holds in the galaxy of Free States.

Of no truth are our political opponents more thoroughly convinced, that of the fact that a submission of national issues to the test of a popular verdict would result, as at the last election, in their overwhelming defeat. Hence their efforts to withdraw the public attention from the progressive inroads of the Slave Power, and to turn it aside to the consideration of questions of far less weight and importance. Secure in the possession of the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches of the General Government, their efforts are now directed to the conquest of the State sovereignties as the only barrier to unlimited jurisdiction. Seizing upon circumstances of unavoidable necessity, they unclean and distort the action of our State Legislature, seek to alarm the public mind in regard to questions of domestic policy, for the occurrence of which they are alike responsible, and trust through the traditionary dislike of our citizens to taxation, to secure a triumph in the coming election, which could not be attained by fair and legitimate means.

All reflecting minds concur in regarding the Canals of this State as an inheritance of which she has just cause to be proud. Not an Executive has been found since their construction was commenced, of whatever political faith, who has not proclaimed them as an object worthy of the fostering care of the State; and such, not only in the revenues which they yield, in the increased valuation of property which they have produced, but in the facilities of transportation furnished to our own citizens, but more than all, in the teeming productions poured into the lap of the State from the fruitful West, invigorating our commerce, building up our cities, and adding immeasurably to the wealth of the State at home and its character abroad. So firmly fixed is this conviction of the value of our internal improvements in the minds of our citizens, that no party has yet been found which has dared to make their abandonment, or even curtailment of progress, an article of distinctive faith or experiment. When, therefore, in 1855, the Legislature failed, at its regular session, to make that provision towards a continuance of the enlargement of the Erie and Oswego Canals, which Gov. Seymour, in his annual message, had recommended, he convoked them in extra session, to compel the adoption of means whereby the end he deemed so necessary should be secured. The constitutional limit of indebtedness had been reached; and no measure short of an amendment of that instrument, whereby $10,000,000 of dollars could be borrowed and applied to the enlargement, was deemed adequate to the emergency. Resolutions to this effect were accordingly reported by a joint Committee, composed of six Democrats and two Whigs, and the constitutional amendment thus initiated was adopted by a vote of 20 to 1 in the Senate, and with perfect unanimity in the Assembly—thus showing the entire abnegation of party considerations in the measure. No less marked in this respect was the vote at the succeeding session, when another Legislature adopted the same resolutions with but a single dissenting vote in each of the legislative branches. In February, 1854, the constitutional amendment was submitted to popular ratification, and resulted in a majority of 127,235 in favor of its adoption. *Thus all parties expressed their concurrence in the policy of an immediate enlargement of the Embankment of the Canals.* The work was begun and prosecuted and the work prosecuted down to the present time.

At the last session of the Legislature a contingency was perceived, as unwelcome as it was unavoidable. It was that the appropriations essential for the completion of the enlargement would be early exhausted. The constitutional limit of borrowing money had been reached; and the alternatives were presented, of either issuing the further prosecution of the work, or reopening the Constitution for further loans, or of resorting to taxation for the means necessary to complete the undertaking, upon which the many millions of dollars had been already expended. The Legislature met the crisis thus forced upon it, by the adoption of the last mentioned alternative, and imposed the levying of one mill additional to the existing State tax; the proceeds to be applied to the completion of the enlargement. To have left the work in its unfinished state, with liabilities for damages against existing contracts to an untold amount, would have been an act of folly as impolitic as it would have been cowardly. To have resorted to the available means for the payment of the debt, by imposing a tax of 2½ years, would have been a violation of the pledge of the State, and have thrown the burden of the debt upon the shoulders of the people, instead of distributing it over the period of years during which the benefits of the work would be enjoyed. The Democratic party, in the last Legislature, in what other manner would the so-called Democratic Party have met the emergency, had they been in the ascendancy? Why, would these same men, who now cry out against taxation, falsely attributing it to the result of Republican extravagance, have made the welkin ring, had the Legislature of last Winter failed to meet, in the only practicable way, the exigency which had arisen? No, fellow-citizens; the increase of taxation to which you are to be subjected was not the result of a necessity created by the Republican Party, or an voluntary choice on the part of its representatives. It was a stern necessity, growing out of circumstances beyond their control, and for the occasion of which all parties are alike responsible, that impelled them to action. Burthensome as indeed you deem the imposition may be, it will be found in the end to have been the most economical policy that could be pursued. Had the same means been earlier resorted to, greater economy in the public expenditure would undoubtedly have been secured; but whatever may have been the errors of the past, the Republican Party is in power responsible for their occurrence. Placed by your votes in a position of responsibility, your representatives would have been unworthy of respect and justly amenable to condemnation, had they failed in their duty to the State, in the crisis in which its financial affairs were placed by previous legislative and executive action. For the confidence reposed in your integrity, they deserve your commendation; and that each pays a pro rata payment to your intelligence, who endeavors to impress upon you the conviction that your representatives have acted either wantonly or wickedly in exceeding the public mandate.

The principles that called the Republican Party into existence, live as immortals; and we doubt not at least one in every patriotic heart, at any period of the moment. The mistake has resulted the history of the past to little purpose, who does not perceive that the struggle between the antagonistic principles of our Government—Freedom and Slavery—must go on until one or the other becomes permanently ascendant. The one relies for its success upon public intelligence, and that spirit of justice and humanity which recognizes in every fellow-being the inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The other is sustained by a direct pecuniary interest of more than fifteen hundred millions of dollars—by a sleepless vigilance and tyrannous concentration of power, which never falters or hesitates as to the means by which its interests are to be advanced. Between opposing elements thus constituted, it is natural that the contest should be protracted, and occasional victories inure to either party. But the ultimate result cannot be doubtful. The increase of population, the diffusion of intelligence, the permanent interests and prosperity of the country, to say nothing of the immutable principles of justice, all point to the ultimate triumph of Freedom, however by fraud or vacillation the period of its ascendency may be postponed. Should the Convention which now assumes to act for the citizens of Kansas in the formation of a Constitution, carry out the obvious designs of its members and those of the General Government, the next session of Congress will witness a desperate struggle to add another Slaveholding member to the Confederacy, despite alike of the dictates of justice and the indignant remonstrances of the Free States. Nothing could so essentially aid this iniquitous measure—nothing could so dampen the courage of our brethren in other States—nothing could so invigorate the action of the weak and wicked doughfaces—in office and out—as a victory of the Slave Democracy in the State of New-York. Rejoicing in the financial disasters that have overtaken the commercial and manufacturing interests of the North, there would come up a louder, deeper, more exultant shout of triumph, should New-York fall from her proud position, and trail her banners in the dust before the allies and upholders of Slavery extension. New-York, no longer governed by her own laws, which declare that no man shall be held in bondage within her borders, would be regarded as a subjugated province. It would be vain to attempt by such rules as the Executive and Judicial authorities at Washington may see fit to prescribe. No, fellow-citizens; this must not be. You owe it to yourselves, you owe it to your brethren in other States, you owe it to the character of your country abroad, you owe it to the principles of truth, justice and humanity, to avert a result so disastrous. A ticket composed of pure and unexceptionable men, experienced in public affairs and true to the Constitution, has been nominated for your support. In their hands the interests of the State, financially and politically, will be safe, and its means so applied as to secure a speedy relief from existing burdens. *The few days that intervene between this and the election should be devoted to instant organization.* Leave no means unemployed to bring every Republican voter to the polls; and with an exertion at all commensurate with the magnitude of the interests involved, you may count upon a victory that shall be productive of the accomplishments, and worthy the character of our State.

E. D. MORGAN,
JAMES W. NYE,
E. F. MARILEE,
JOHN C. FLOYD,
A. J. STANTON,
EDWIN CLAPP,
JOHN L. SCHOOLCRAFT,
JAS. M FORSYTH,
CHAS. L. BELLE,
EDWARD DODD,
WM. A. WHEELER,
BENJY CHURCHILL,
D. C. LITTLEJOHN,
J. J. BRIGGS,
C. LITTLEFIELD,
J. H. WILLIAMS,
M. F. BRUCE,
A. S. DIVEN,
JAMES O. SMITH,
ALFRED ELY,
DUVAL RANSOM,
E. G. SPAULDING,
PHILIP DORSHEIMER,
A. L. OPDAM.

Republican State Committee.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—FRIDAY, Oct. 23.

COMMON PLEAS.—*Part I.*—Nos. 258 to 261, 263 to 265, 267 to 274. *Part II.*—Nos. 276 to 285, 287 to 292, 294.

SUPREME COURT—*Circuit.*—*Part I.*—Nos. 1544½, 1200, 228, 1123, 2066, 956, 1404, 631, 1016, 2216, 2090, 904, 2212, 1192, 1194, 844, 2214, 1210, 1002, 392, 1720, 1414, 218. *Part II.*—Nos. 1561, 1548, 1649, 1670, 1671, 1672, 1673, 1675, 1676 to 1680, 1682, 1683.

SUPREME COURT—*Special Term.*—Nos. 78, 85, 114, 239, 242.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Nos. 309, 569, 606, 255, 544, 548, 576, 287, 303, 623, 567, 591, 555, 340, 496, 628, 629, 631, 642, 643, 644, 645, 647, 648, 650, 651, 652, 655, 656, 657, 660.

SUPREME COURT.—SPECIAL TERM.—OCT. 22.

Before Hon. Justice Roosevelt.

DECISIONS.

Albert S. James vs. Geo. W. Stallwell.—Ordered that the amended complaint, so called, be set aside as irregular, and that the defendant have twenty days from this date to answer the complaint as originally served.

Elizabeth Fuller vs. Adam W. Turnbull, Jr., and wife.—There is an implied power of sale in the will. No person being named to execute it, the Executors take by the implication. The power takes a trust power, peremptory unless (which this is not) it be in express terms discretionary. A sale must therefore take place, unless both the beneficiaries waive it and prefer to hold in common. Order accordingly.

Joseph Blake impleaded, &c., vs. Reuben Gurnee.—Motion to open default denied, without costs.

Ogden Hoffman vs. L. A. Fuller.—A reply to a sworn answer must itself be verified also (Code, section 158.) This reply is not verified, and must, on that ground, be stricken out as irregular.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Mitchell.

Paul Spofford vs. A. M. Notch.—Motion to dissolve injunction denied, without costs.

Sarah Hatch, &c., vs. John W. McGill, &c.—If plaintiffs exception is insisted on, the accounts must be sent to the same to another referee, or parties and witnesses be examined before the Court.

In the matter of the Empire City Bank.—Order confirming referee's report as amended, settled.

Thomas Saunders vs. Marshall O. Roberts.—In this case (reported on Wednesday) the Jury disagreed.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Before Hon. Justice Hoffman.

H. O. Brewer vs. J. G. Meyer et al.—Motion to discharge order of arrest denied, with $5 costs.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before His Honor Recorder Smith.

The case of George E. Parmelee, the merchant who robbed his fellow merchants, Messrs. Dibble & Co., in Warren-street, of about $35,000 worth of goods, by means of a rope ladder, was not called on yesterday, according to announcement. Parmelee is to be tried, it seems, as a witness in a criminal suit somehow connected with the business.

Jas. Smith, on the evening of Oct. 7, attempted to pass a forged $3 bill on the Hudson County Bank, New-Jersey, at the oyster saloon of J. W. Showler, No. 643 Broadway. Smith's conduct was suspicious, and Showler concluded to give Smith into the custody of officer Bull. Officer Bull searched Smith and found twenty-seven bills of the same bank and denomination concealed about his person. Bull accordingly took Smith into safe keeping, and yesterday Smith pleaded guilty. The friends of Smith will address letters to him at the care of the Keeper of the State Prison at Sing Sing, for the ensuing five years.

Charles Lewis, a very genteel youth, pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Appearances are distinguished, though respectable connected, each only 17 years old, was previously twice convicted of grand larceny in the Court. Counsel for the Recorder mercifully suspended judgment, with a fair warning that punishment would follow the next offence. Lewis heeded not the warning, and being convicted on the next offence was sentenced to two years and six months at Sing Sing. The street youth managed to escape from the officers, who were conveying him to that place of atonement and hard labor. He was absent for a long time, but was arrested the other day in the commission of the old offence, and yesterday appeared a third time before the Recorder. He wept great deal and the Recorder was tender—talked about Lewis becoming gradually a respectable member of society, and so forth, and sentenced him to four years in Sing Sing. Lewis had all the appearance of a young gentleman, and anything present presumed that an young and genteel a boy could be so addicted to crime.

Peter Rehrshall was tried for receiving stolen goods. He was defended by Mr. Blankman and convicted.

MARINE COURT.

Before Hon. Judge Daly.

Robert M. Weed vs. Charles F. Hemingway.—

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COURT OF SPECIAL SESSIONS—Oct. 22.

Madeline Ambert, charged her husband, Jacob, with having violently beaten her; beaten which, according to the complaint, it was his (complainant's) habit and without any justification. After the complaint had been fully considered, the prisoner was discharged at request of the complainant.

Catharine Nagle made the same complaint against her husband, Dennis, who, upon hearing, was discharged at her request.

John Stone, No. 413 Pearl-street, charged with stealing a gold watch, value $15, was found guilty and sentenced to confinement in the City Prison for six months.

John McWhiney, charged with stealing a cloth overcoat, upon the evidence of Lewis Wolf, the saw him steal it, was sent to the Penitentiary for four months.

Wm. McGinn was charged with stealing his wife, Anne, and blacking her eyes. The case was heard and the prisoner discharged at request of complainant—a frequent termination of these cases.

James Gallagher was charged with having assaulted Wm. F. Gaul, a police officer, and attempting to strike him. Sentence suspended.

Michael Cook was charged by Bridget, his wife, with having beaten her. Discharged, as in other instances, at request of complainant.

Theodore Alderman was charged with stealing a pair of boots from John Daniels, Alderman admitted the theft and was sent to the Penitentiary for six months.

James Delaney, charged with an assault upon George W. Young, was discharged in the absence of witnesses.

James McMann was charged on the oath of Martin Flecher of the Sixteenth Ward Police with having seized him and bitten deponent's thumb while in discharge of his duty as an officer. This is one of those bad boys in the Sixteenth Ward who has been arrested several times. The officer had arrested somebody else, and this young rowdy attempted to rescue him. Guilty; six months at the Penitentiary.

Peter Surman was charged by Barbara Wagner with beating her with his fist. Discharged in absence of witnesses.

William Powell, charged on the deposition of Thomas Kutter, with having stolen a quantity of lead pipe, value $6, was discharged, no witness appearing.

Patrick Dempsey, charged with stealing a pair of boots, and admitting the theft upon his arraignment, was discharged in the absence of witnesses.

Peter Caulfield was charged by his wife Ellen with having "beaten her with a stone, injuring her in a shameful manner." The cruel assault was fairly substantiated and the brute was sent to the Penitentiary for six months. In this case the wife did not attempt like others to beg him off. It came out in evidence that Peter had said the best to too ram.

Madame Kobler *alias* Susan Burgner, *alias* somebody else, was charged by James Lanigan, a policeman of sixth patrol, with keeping a house for common prostitutes at No. 24 Elm-street. The accused was dressed in dark clothes, and rather a respectable looking woman. She pleaded that she was about to vacate the premises, upon which sentence was suspended.

William King, a colored boy about 19 years of age, was charged on the deposition of Charles Oxford, of No. 35½ Bond-street, with having stolen a black mare, a set of harness and a wagon, worth in all $225, the property being found in his possession when offering it for sale. The charge was made out and the prisoner sent to the House of Refuge.

John Murphy was charged with having beaten John King "shamefully." He was declared guilty, but at the forgiving suggestion of the complainant, sentence was suspended.

John Barlow *alias* Smith and other false names, was charged by Charles Hindsell, No. 24 Cortlandt-street, with stealing a quantity of black cravats, value $17. He was brought up for trial a few weeks ago and found guilty. At the earnest solicitation of his father, who promised to take him to Illinois where he the father resided, and also of the solicitation of Mr. Keale, the agent of the Prison Association, judgment was suspended. Since that time he has been repeatedly arrested on various and similar charges, and two days ago was recommitted by Justice CONNOLLY for petit larceny. He was called up to day on the above old charge, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for six months. The Justice will forward the late charge to the Grand Jury, and have him tried for the second offence, which will justify the Court in sending him to the State Prison.

Wm. Ellis Sullivan, of No. 181 Worth-street, was charged by Lewis M. Pease, No. 165 Worth-street, with keeping a disorderly house, or more specific calling it "a resort for gamblers, drunkards, prostitutes and thieves." So severe and unmistakable an imputation upon the respectability of Mr. Sullivan's dwelling established, Ellis, assisted by the Pease family for two months, the magistrates concurred, it as their decided opinion that "such charges ought to be put down."

Patrick Conklin, charged by Jeremiah Buckley with a common assault, was discharged at request of complainant.

Several other cases of assault were adjudicated with the same result.

The man Gillen, found guilty of assault upon Chas. Watkins, the Court were lenient with him and fined him $5 under circumstances relating to the dependence of his family upon him and his previous good character.

Thomas Hobbs was charged with stealing three sign-boards, value $20, and Thomas J. Lilly saw him do it and take them away to a cart from the lawful possession and premises of John H. Hamlin, of No. 156 Water-street. Mr. Lilly hails from No. 42 Wall-street, the telegraph office. Thomas was set at liberty, inasmuch as there were no witnesses in appearance.

Charles Held was held upon the oath of James Bradley, a policeman, for selling intoxicating liquors at No. 21 Bowery, on Sunday last, "against the form of the statute in such case made and provided." The prisoner waived a trial by jury, and demanded trial at Special Sessions. The case was dismissed this morning from the Court, a suit having been entered for the recovery of a penalty of $50 for the same offence.

John Levine was charged by Adolphus Lapsman, of No. 96 Eldridge-street, with having assaulted him; that he "took deponent by the beard in a violent manner." It was a dispute between parties as to the right of possession of premises. The accused was acquitted.

Several other cases of common assault were discharged in absence of witnesses.

The calendar for Special Sessions for this day was 28 prison cases and 32 bail cases.

A case of violation of the law under the Corporation Ordinances for hackmen with the Health Wardens in the position of witnesses when acting under the direction of the City Inspector, was adjourned to the 29th inst. The Inspector, Alderman R. Turner, of Thirty-seventh-street, N. R., resisted the removal of dead hogs from his premises. A material witness for the defence was absent, and for that reason the magistrates ordered the case to stand over.

After hearing a few other cases the Court rose, adjourning to next day at 9.

MARKET REPORTS.

Markets—*Carefully Reported for the New-York Times.*

NEW-YORK, Thursday, Oct. 22, 1857—6 P. M.

ASHES—Quiet, yet steady. Pearls, 9⅝; Pots, 9⅝ @9⅞ ₩ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Is in limited demand at former prices. Java, 16½c.@17c.; Maracaibo, 12c.@13½c.; Rio, 11½c.@11¾c.; St. Domingo, 9¾c.@10c., cash; and Native Ceylon, 12c. ₩ lb.

COTTON—Owing to the scarcity of this commodity the current movements are insignificant, and prices are unsettled. Middling Uplands are quoted nominally at from 11½c.@12c., and other grades at proportionate rates, cash. ₩ lb.

DRY GOODS—The *Independent*, of this morning, says: "Business at wholesale being very light, report has been had very generally to retail sales at a reduction below wholesale prices for cash. Credits are now refused, and business is contracted to a cash basis. On these terms few goods are sold. At auction nothing can be done. Large quantities of imported goods are being returned to Europe. The recent to renewals at auction and general extensions, is become an epidemic. Transactions of this kind have taken place in private. Bank officers inform us that most of their bills receivable on they fall due are met by renewals and extensions, and bills are in demand by the part. There is a general disposition on the part of merchants to pay their debts, where it is not their interest to let go down if possible. The quantity of goods on hand is very large, and unsalable on the present terms. Some manufacturers are threatened that the domestic exchange will become so low as almost of a late trade before the Whitsy sets in."

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour is brisker and rather firmer. Sales 11,000 bbls.

Superfine State	$4 65@4 75
Extra State	4 80@4 90
Superfine Indiana and Michigan	4 65@4 75
Superfine Ohio	4 70@4 80
Fancy Genesee	5 00@5 25
Extra Indiana and Michigan	4 90@5 00
Extra Ohio	5 00@5 25
Fancy Genesee	5 25@5 50
Extra Genesee	5 50@5 75
Canadian flour is better demand at higher prices; sales 1,000 bbls. superfine at [illegible]
Southern flour is better demand and firmer; sales 1,000 bbls. [illegible]
Corn meal is quiet and steady; sales 300 bbls. Jersey and Brandywine at [illegible]
GRAIN—Wheat is better demand and prices 2@3c. higher; sales 127,000 bushels [illegible]

[illegible]

HOUSES TO LET.

[illegible]

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.

[illegible]

HOUSES & ROOMS WANTED.

[illegible]

KEROSENE OILS.

[illegible]

DRY GOODS.

[illegible]

NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY!!!

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SELLING OFF! SELLING OFF!

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GREAT SACRIFICE OF CARPETS.

[illegible]

DAMAGED GOODS.

[illegible]

TEACHERS.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

[illegible] Europe arrived at Boston between 5 and 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. [illegible] portion of the Associated Press dispatches were forwarded by the [illegible] o'clock train, via New-Haven, and reached this City about 1 o'clock this morning. The regular mail-bags, however, were not delivered until 5½ o'clock, but will reach here in time for distribution this forenoon. We [illegible] nothing of special importance in our files received to-day, but we have in the very full summary of news telegraphed from Halifax.

The new steamer *Kangaroo*, from Liverpool on the 7th inst., and the United States Mail steamship *North Star*, from Southampton on the 8th inst., arrived at this port yesterday. The advices by both these arrivals have been anticipated by the *Europa* at Halifax. Sundry articles from European journals on current topics, and a letter from our London correspondent on the report of the Hudson's Bay Parliamentary Committee, will be found in another part of this morning's issue, and will be read with interest.

The steamer *St. Louis*, Capt. Wm. L. Hudson, sailed for Aspinwall yesterday at 2 o'clock P. M., with about 500 passengers for California, including 200 United States troops in command of Major Scott. Capt. Stevenson U. Brown and Admiral Valle Rustra, of the Mexican Navy, were among the passengers. On board, there was a good proportion of women and children.

The country Banks of the State of New-York held a Convention at Syracuse yesterday, which was attended by thirty-six delegates, to consider and agree upon some course of action for their mutual protection in the present unsettled state of financial affairs. The main object of the meeting was to adopt measures for the establishment of a redemption agency, or clearing-house, in this City, which, it is alleged, will save about three-fourths of the present tax on the country circulation, and prevent the bills being crowded upon the banks, after the resumption of specie payments, in ruinous amounts. A resolution for the furtherance of this object was adopted and a Committee appointed to carry it into effect. A resolution was also adopted to facilitate the forwarding of produce from the West. A full report will be found elsewhere.

The General Produce Markets yesterday opened vigorously and buoyantly for Breadstuffs. These slightly advanced and Wheat was better. The improved prices, however, brought out more eager sellers,—and towards the close the tendency was in favor of buyers. Corn was pretty freely offered, and though a fair inquiry prevailed, Mixed Western finally declined to about 70c. ⅌ bushel, delivered. Provisions were quite dull, and prices were generally lower and somewhat nominal for the leading articles. Sugars attracted considerable attention, and were held with increased confidence. The unusual scarcity of Cotton prevented any important movement. Freights were doing better.

The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday. The earlier portion of the session was spent in a contest over the mode of appointing policemen and poll-clerks to each of the polling places in New-York and Brooklyn on the 3d of November next, the day of the election. A resolution was passed empowering the Committee on appointments to submit to the Board the names of such policemen as they might deem best fitted to act as patrols in the polling districts. The nomination of poll-clerks was referred to a select Committee which is to be appointed to-day. The closing proceedings, however, possessed an importance which, singular as has been the conduct of the affairs of the Board heretofore, has fairly cast every other odd thing of theirs in the shade. Mayor Wood—who stated that he acted from a sincere desire to enable the Board to go on in the discharge of its duties, without regard to party interests or demands—nominated Mr. Simeon Draper to fill the vacancy in the Board caused by his (Mr. Draper's) own resignation, and Mr. D. was elected unanimously. The announcement of the result was received with a burst of cheering. It would be very easy, without doubt, to attribute this proceeding of the Mayor to some secret motive less creditable to his sincerity than his sagacity. The act, however, will vindicate itself to the public as eminently creditable to the Mayor and conducive to the public welfare. We trust the appointment, thus honorably conferred with regard to party relations, will be accepted in an equally independent spirit.

In the Board of Aldermen a message was received from the Mayor favoring the employment of a large number of men on City Improvements during the Winter, and recommending the Comptroller to purchase 50,000 barrels of flour and a proportionate amount of corn meal and potatoes. The employed to receive 25 per cent. in cash and the rest in provisions at cost price. The report raising $250,000 Central Park Stock was adopted.

In the Board of Councilmen, last evening, the report of the Special Committee on the state of the Comptroller's department, was presented and ordered to be printed on the minutes. A message was recived from the Mayor, which was characterized by the minority as intended only for political effect, and ordered to be reported by a Committee previous to the 1st of November. The Board concurred with the Aldermen in a motion for the reorganization of the Departments, especially in the Boards of Aldermen and Councilmen. Several bills were read a third time. They were of no great public interest. The Harlem gas bill was lost for want of a constitutional vote.

James Rogers, the perpetrator of the Tenth-ward murder, who was arrested on Wednesday morning in Hoboken, New-Jersey, was yesterday brought to this City. He does not confess committing the murder, but says he was [illegible] on the night thereof, and has no recollection of what he did. The three boys implicated in the murder—Rogers, Chrystesman, and [illegible]—were locked up in the Sixteenth Ward Station-house, and will probably be brought up for examination to-day.

A [illegible] "Burr Vanderpool" was arrested yesterday and sent to Newburg to be tried for a robbery committed in that city. The prisoner belonged to the gang arrested a few weeks since for a burglary at New-London, Conn. The same gentlemen are supposed to have committed the recent burglaries at Yonkers and Sing-Sing. Vanderpool has already served a part of a term in State Prison.

A burglary was committed a few nights since at Germantown, Morris County, New-Jersey, on the store of James Wilson, Jr., and some worth of goods stolen. It is suspected that the burglars belong to this City. Mr. Wilson laid the case yesterday before Deputy Superintendent Carpenter, and he dispatched two officers to look up the burglars.

An adjourned meeting of the Stock and Bondholders of the Erie Railroad was held last evening, at which a Committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the proposed loan. Three hundred thousand dollars was subscribed in behalf of the foreign bondholders by Mr. Williams.

C. O. Norr, Esq., of the Fifth Ward, President of the Young Men's Central Republican Committee, was nominated last evening for State Senator, from the Fourth District, by the American Convention.

The facts connected with the finding, on Monday morning, of the dead body of a female in Prospect-street, Jersey City, were made public yesterday. The body was discovered by a gentleman early in the morning; it was afterwards removed, and no clue to it could be found. Certain parties are suspected of having murdered her.

Mayor Wood's Message Concerning the City Poor.

Mayor Wood sent in to the Common Council last evening a document which will command attention. It relates to the prospects of famine among the City Poor during the coming Winter, and calls upon the City Authorities to take measures to prevent riot and bloodshed by alleviating the misery from which these may be expected to spring. Such a recommendation is eminently proper and should receive the careful consideration of those to whom it is addressed. That we are in danger of riots during the coming Winter is undeniable. With thirty or forty thousand laborers out of employment, it is impossible that there should not be some distress;—and with such exhortations from the Chief Executive officer of the City as Mayor Wood puts forth in this message, it would be strange indeed if some among them should not resort to violence when it seems to be, not only to save them from starvation, but in redress of wrongs which the Mayor assures them they have sustained at the hands of the rich. "Truly may it be said," says Mayor Wood, "that in New-York *those who produce everything, get nothing,—and those who produce nothing, get everything. They labor without income, whilst surrounded by thousands living in affluence and splendor who have income without labor.* But now even this resource, with its poor pittance, is to be taken from them." Such language as this can have but one meaning and one purpose. Its tendency is to arouse the hostility of the poor against the rich, and to exasperate their sufferings by adding to them the sense of wrong. Mayor Wood may not consciously design or desire to bring about the outrages and scenes of violence to which his language points. He may have no worse motive (if a worse motive can be conceived) than to secure the votes of the laboring poor, by making himself the champion of their pretended wrongs. It is strictly in keeping with his whole career thus to make the calamities of others the means of his own advancement. We have no objection to this, if the means by which he does it involve no serious injury to great public interests. Mayor Wood is entitled to all the popularity he can earn by measures of relief to any portion of our population; and we could forgive any amount of selfishness if it should be found to promote the public good. But in denouncing the rich and arousing against them the hostility of the poor, he is simply plunging both into a common ruin. We believe that there is too much good sense in the great mass of our laboring population, to permit them to be misled by such attempts.

Mayor Wood is unquestionably right in calling upon the Common Council to push forward all the great public work which must be done, and which will give employment to laborers of every class and grade. This is no time to stop great enterprises of public utility. Neither the City, the State nor the General Government should discontinue any of the works which they have commenced. On the contrary, they should at once use all the power conferred upon them by law to give employment to labor in every department. There has never been a time when such employment was so greatly needed. Without it thousands and scores of thousands must suffer the pangs of hunger and of want. In the Old World Governments *invent* work for the exclusive purpose of employing the poor. Streets are opened where they are required only for ornament;—public grounds are embellished; immense buildings are erected, and everything is done which ingenuity can devise to keep up a supply of work and of wages to those who depend upon them for their daily bread. A popular Government should not be behind the monarchies and empires of Europe in care for the people, especially in times of distress like the present. Whatever work is to be done and paid for, should be done and paid for *now*. It will be infinitely more useful than at any other time.

It has been announced, though not upon any reliable authority, that, in consequence of the scarcity of money the Federal Government is about to suspend all work upon the Custom Houses, Post-Office buildings, steam frigates, &c., &c., authorized by law in various sections of the country. We trust the report is erroneous. It would be shameful for the Government thus needlessly to aggravate and add to the distress which already presses upon the people. It ought to pursue precisely the opposite policy. Every work authorized by law should at once be undertaken. Every national vessel directed to be built should be commenced at once. Every Custom-House and other public building for which appropriations have been made, should be immediately begun. And the same course should be adopted by the City. The work upon the Central Park should be at once resumed. Every man who can be employed to any advantage upon it, should instantly be set to work. The new Reservoir should at once be commenced. The new Arsenal, the new City Hall, the docks, station-houses, engine-houses, buildings and undertakings of every kind which the City needs should be entered upon immediately. This is the duty of the City authorities, and it is one which we hope will not be neglected.

Mayor Wood recommends that the Government go still further, and purchase 50,000 barrels of flour, with corresponding quantities of other provisions, to be sold to the poor at cost prices, in payment of their labor, and that City scrip be issued with which to make these purchases. There are many and very serious objections to such a policy. The poor are entitled to payment *in cash* for their labor, and should not be compelled to take anything else. If the City, moreover, thus enters into the business of selling provisions to its own population, it must ruin the private business of the thousands and tens of thousands who now earn a livelihood in that way. By thus destroying the business of the retail provision dealer, the City would reduce *that* class of our people to poverty and destitution, for the sake of feeding another. The corner groceries now live by selling flour, corn, potatoes, sugar, teas, &c. &c., to the laboring portion of our population. They must starve if the City deprives them of their business. But if the City will pay the laborer in money, he can buy his own provisions, and at the same time afford the man who sells them means of living. If the City cannot obtain money, and must issue scrip, let this scrip be made *receivable in payment of taxes*, and it would speedily acquire a currency which would, for all practical purposes make it equal to money. But there can be no need of such a resort. Let the City only prosecute with energy and vigor all the public works which it has the right to undertake, and it will have done all that is within its power, and all that will be required, to relieve the distress with which our laboring classes are menaced during the coming Winter.

Our City Finances—The way accounts are kept.

In another part of this morning's Times will be found the report of the Special Committee appointed some time since by the Common Council, to examine the public accounts and the books of the Finance Department of the City. It is brief and imperfect,—pretending to do nothing more than glance at the general condition of our finances, and asking power to make the inquiry more protracted and complete. Enough, however, is stated in this document to show that the financial department of our City government has been managed with the grossest carelessness, and that every opportunity has been offered by those whose duty it was to render such proceedings impossible, for the robbery of the Public Treasury to the amount of thousands and millions of dollars. That such robberies have been committed, the Report does not show,—but it says enough upon this subject to render imperative the closest and most careful scrutiny.

The department in which the investigation was mainly conducted, was that of the Comptroller. For lack of room, and for want of clerks, the Committee state, *no reliable accounts of the City finances are kept in this Department.* This is a most extraordinary statement, but it seems to be borne out by the details embodied in the Committee's report. Discrepancies are found in the accounts of different bureaus, and some of the most important of the City accounts do not seem to be balanced, or even entered, on the books. The Comptroller's late report, on the statements of the Stock Clerk, gives the indebtedness of the City for which stock has been issued at something less than seventeen millions of dollars;—the ledger shows it to be $25,764 more. The revenue and assessment bonds, as shown by the Comptroller's report, amount to over five millions;—the books show them to be $197,000 less. Charges to the amount of $186,121 stand upon the books against parties who have been collectors of the public moneys, the charge against one person amounting to $57,481, and that against another to $37,438; whether these accounts have ever been settled or not, or where are the bonds given as sureties for them, the books of the Department do not show. Indeed it is stated that for some years past no book, register or written memorandum of any kind, has been kept in the Comptroller's office, containing a record of the surety bonds held by the City as security for the faithful discharge of public duties!

According to the books in the Comptroller's office the amount of taxes remaining due and unpaid on the 1st of January last was $2,886,670. Mr. Hart, the Receiver of taxes, stands charged with $88,189,—and his successor, Mr. Howard, with $2,128,648. No such sums are due from these parties, as is shown by the fact that in the Tax Commissioner's office their accounts are properly balanced. But this does not appear, as it should do, upon the books in the Comptroller's office.

The books show outstanding assessments for various purposes, to the amount of $4,757,959,—which have not yet been wholly collected, assessment bonds having been issued to anticipate their collection. But the books show that the bonds issued exceed this amount by $280,805. How large a portion of these assessments have been collected, no examination has yet been made to ascertain. There is no reasonable doubt, however, that much of it has been collected and that vouchers therefor are on file in the Department; but as the appropriation was insufficient to pay for the services of a book-keeper, no inquiry was made in this direction.

Upon the facts which are thus set forth, the Committee present the following rather startling picture of the condition of our City finances:

"The vast sums due to the City by defaulting officers, unpaid taxes and assessments, is sufficient to strike terror and alarm among our citizens. It indicates a carelessness in the keeping of the accounts, and the collection of the same, truly deplorable. The total amount of claims against sundry collectors and others, as shown in the foregoing part of this report,

Amount to	$186,121 42
Unpaid Taxes	2,886,670 27
Assessments unpaid	4,757,959 01
Amounting altogether to the enormous sum of	$7,730,750 70

Of this amount considerable will be collected. But who believes that, under the present management of our financial affairs, this amount will be materially reduced?"

We cannot find in the report of the Committee any sufficient warrant for setting down these enormous sums as lost to the City by defalcations. According to their own showing other City offices prove that some of them have been duly paid into the City Treasury; and there is reason to believe that a further inquiry would show that nearly or quite the whole had been thus received. The point really established by the Committee is that *the books of the Comptroller's Department do not show it.* In spite of all the loose and imperfect book-keeping in that office, the City may, nevertheless, not have lost a single dollar. It is not necessary, therefore, for the public to fly into a paroxysm of alarm and indignation over alleged peculations and defalcations to the amount of six or seven millions, on the strength of anything contained in this report. Enough we confess that errors of this kind, in regard to our City finances, always give color of warrant for the strongest and the worst suspicions as to what has become of the City funds.

But the Report contains enough to show that it ought to contain a great deal more. The Committee should make the inquiry thorough and complete. They should follow up the clues they have discovered, and ascertain, decisively and reliably, whether any of the public money has been actually lost to the City Treasury. We trust the Common Council will lose no time in directing them thus to prosecute the investigation they have commenced.

Aid to the Poor.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Sir: In view of the prospective suffering among the poorer classes during the approaching Winter, a great deal would be done toward the alleviation of their distress by many who are ignorant of the manner in which they could best offer their aid. No wise man will wish to countenance street-beggars. I have more clothing than I require, and intend to reduce my personal wardrobe to simply so much as is necessary to my personal comfort. What shall I do with that portion which I am willing to give for charity's sake? Are there societies to receive and distribute such gifts? If so, where are they, and why do they not make themselves more publicly and generally known? Thousands, with myself, would gladly respond to any legitimate call for RAIMENT.

We can assure our correspondent that there are many societies which will make most excellent use of the cast-off clothing, no matter how worn and worthless it may seem to be, which he may see fit to spare for such a purpose. *The Children's Aid Society*, of which Mr. C. L. Brace is Secretary and whose office is in the Mercantile Library building in Astor Place, may safely be entrusted with donations of this kind to any extent. The Association for improving the condition of the poor we presume will also gladly receive anything of the kind, though we hear as yet but little of its organized operations for the Winter. We take it for granted that the public-spirited gentlemen whose labors in this good cause have been so effective hitherto, will not relax their efforts now that they are becoming so much more important than ever before.

We commend the example of our correspondent to general imitation. We trust that all who have cast-off clothing which they can spare, will take some pains to see that it is so bestowed as to relieve something of the distress which, before the approaching Winter is over, will wring the heart of this great City with suffering or with sympathy. Let them not be in haste to get rid of it;—it will be needed by-and-by more than it is at present, and there will be plenty of persons to see that it is properly bestowed.

Electioneering Clap-Trap.—It would be simply amusing, if it were not also melancholy, to read the preposterous representations made by the party press for the purpose of influencing votes at the coming election. The Albany *Atlas and Argus* fires up in the work of the canvass to a degree which, in contrast with the stagnation which prevails all around it, is really exciting. It reprints, from the Times, a portion of the letter of the Auditor of the Canal Department upon the condition of our State finances,—and thus proceeds to "improve" the occasion:

Thus we have, *as the fruits of the debt policy, and of the Seward system of public works:*

Large falling off of Canal tolls.

About $380,000 premium loans locked up in suspended banks.

About $500,000 protested drafts, drawn by contractors, discounted in banks, which the State is unable to pay.

Suspension of public works.

Three millions of Canal money in banks, of which $2,500,000 is unavailable.

Taxation to meet the interest of debt in 1858, amounting to $700,000.

The *Atlas* must count very largely upon the simplicity of those to whom its appeals are addressed, when it hopes to decide their votes by such representations as these. How the falling off in canal tolls, which is due just now to the lack of money to bring produce forward;—or the inability of the banks to refund their loans or pay contractors' drafts,—which is due to the prevailing panic;—or the exhaustion of the money which the Constitution authorizes the State to borrow for the public works,—can justly be traced to what is styled "the Seward system," it would puzzle a man of only ordinary judgment to discover. And it is even more difficult to see how the "imposition of a tax," the object of which is to *avoid* debt, by paying as work is done, can form part of the "debt policy," which the *Atlas* deprecates and denounces with so much vehemence.

We do do not know how it may be with the people for whom the *Atlas* is written;—but it seems to us that for the public at large the time for such absurd and preposterous attempts to create a political panic has well nigh passed. They deceive very few while they disgust a great many.

The Police Commission.—At the meeting of the Police Commissioners yesterday, the vacancy was filled by the election of Simeon Draper, the motion being made by Mayor Wood and receiving the unanimous vote of the Board. This action will effectually remove the paralysis which has afflicted the Board for some months past,—and will enable the Commissioners, if they are so disposed, to give the City what it very greatly needs, a full, well-disciplined and effective Police.

The present force, so far as it goes, is made up of better materials and is more efficient than the City has ever before possessed. No one who saw them on parade the other day, and who witnessed the readiness and regularity of their evolutions, can doubt that they have been well-trained, and that as the beginning of a new organization they are all that can be expected or desired. If the Board will now go forward and fill up the force, setting aside all partisan considerations and with exclusive regard for the public good, they will confer an immense benefit upon the City.

We trust Mr. Draper will not hesitate to accept the place to which he has thus been elected. Whatever may have been the reasons which prompted him to resign, they must be deprived of weight by the circumstances of his present election. He was in the Board before as a partisan politician—bound by party relations and obligations to a line of conduct which his own judgment may not always have approved. He will enter it now entirely free from all trammels of this sort, independent of political parties, and perfectly free to act in all things, upon his own convictions of what is demanded by the public interest. He will be the choice of no party. Democratic, Republican, Whig, Know-Nothing, Anti-Rent, Anti-Slavery, Anti-Nebraska, Anti-Everything—he will be the choice of no party. Party by its nature is its own Constitution, and he has never been either in sentiment or position, under any obligation to any party. He will go back a free man, and only if he chooses, control the action of the Board so far as may be necessary to make it vigorous and conducive to the public good. We hope he will at once resume his seat.

Danish Consul-General.—We understand that M. de Raasloff has been appointed *chargé d'affaires* and Consul-General for Denmark in the United States. He has resided in this country for several years past, and has become widely known as a gentleman of high character and marked ability. Originally connected with the Danish army, he became known by sundry important improvements in the firearms used, and also, at a subsequent date, by a book recording the result of observations made in Algeria during a service of seven years in the French Army. He wrote a series of very able papers upon the Sound Dues question some months since, which were published first in the columns of the Times, and afterwards in a pamphlet, and which discussed that subject much more ably than any other publication upon it. Mr. Raasloff has the grant from his Government of the right to construct a submarine Telegraph to connect the several islands of her West India possessions, and is now engaged in the prosecution of that work. He is expected to arrive here during the month of November.

Literary.—Harper's *Magazine* for November has been issued, and is one of the best numbers ever published. It is announced that in the December number will be commenced Thackeray's new novel entitled *The Virginians*. The Esmonds make their appearance in the first number, from which something of the general tone of the new work may be inferred. The Harpers announce that their suspension will not in the least interfere with the regular publication of the *Magazine* and the *Weekly*. Both will be continued as hitherto.

Amusements.

Broadway Theatre.—Mr. Marshall is indefatigable in his efforts to secure the best patronage of the public. In spite of Hard Times, (not so hard here as elsewhere,) he goes on bringing out novelties in rapid succession, as if nothing were the matter with the monetary machinery of our blessed country. And, it must be remembered, that a novelty in the Ballet world is a luxury of price which tempts none but the boldest and most wealthy. Last night a grand fairy spectacle, called "Il Cavallo D'Oro," or "The Golden Horse," was played for the first time. It is, like all the pieces played by this troupe, from the pen of Signor Rossani, and although the story is not so clear, pantomimically, as in "Faust," and "Le Gamin de Paris," it is better adapted for scenic purposes, and allows of a more liberal introduction of dances. For the details of the plot we refer the reader to the published book, and advise him on all occasions to procure this highly-necessary little volume. It is not merely that it guides your eye to the meaning of what is going on, but because it has solid merits of its own, which ought to be recognised. Mr. Rossani's pen overflows with romantic fervor and luscious imagery; he exhales sentiment, and dissolves priceless pearls even in the details or small beer of his literary efforts. By all means buy a book, and learn how the heroine of the "Golden Horse" is afflicted with "a dewy brightness in her fond eye," and "a slight tremor in her snow-white hand," and many other things impossible to mention in these degenerate columns.

The argument of the "Golden Horse" is taken from the old story of the loves of Bertha and Buvie—and from the adventures of the Prince Glenalvan—far-famed in Scottish romance. The ballet is divided into three acts and four scenes—the fourth being purely supplemental and for Terpsichorean purposes only. The scenery is mostly new, and superior to what we have yet had, arising probably from the circumstances that the artist had a greater scope for his imaginative talent, and that there is a natural affinity between a paint pot and fairy land. Some exceedingly charming effects are directly traceable to Mr. Hustven—the very competent artist of the establishment; in many instances, however, he is hugely assisted by Mr. Rossani, whose feeling for color (if we may so term it) is remarkable. He finds his opportunities in the costuming of the dancers, and in placing the latter so judiciously in contrast with the scene that the effect impresses the eye in the most agreeable manner. This matter is most important, but it seldom receives a fair share of attention. Mr. Rossani's taste and conscientiousness are beyond reproach, and are manifested not only in costuming but in arranging the dances themselves.

Mlle. Lamoureux improves rapidly on acquaintance, and we think is destined to create a sensation. Her beauty and executive talent would justify it. Unquestionably, she is the most accomplished *danseuse* we have ever had in this country. Most of our Terpsichorean favorites have been third or fourth rate, and have depended on one or two little things which they could do neatly for their popularity. Mlle. Lamoureux belongs to the first class, and can do a dozen things better than they have ever been done before. Her dancing last night was deliciously graceful and bewilderingly learned, full of mysterious, aerial suspensions and that sort of thing. She was assisted in the best possible manner by Signor Ravaiz, who is a wonderful artist, utterly free from any weak principles of human gravitation.

The ballet is acted well throughout, and is the best spectacle piece in which the members of the Rossani troup have yet appeared. It obtained a very hearty success, and in every way deserved it. The principal artists were called out frequently during the performance and on the fall of the curtain.

Concert.—Treiberg and Vieuxtemps, assisted by Mlle. Fressolini, give a grand Concert at Niblo's Saloon to-night.

Employment and Relief for the Poor.

The Board of Managers of the Society for the Employment and Relief of the Poor, regret to state to the subscribers their loss of nearly *one half of their fund*, by the failure of the Ohio Life and Trust Company, and by the depreciation of their bank stock. This is peculiarly unfortunate, as the Board have made great efforts the last two years to secure this small fund, to enable them to purchase goods to better advantage, and to relieve them from the necessity of appealing to the generosity of the public. The Board will be obliged to make use of this fund for their current expenses, and unless sustained by the generosity of their subscribers and friends, fear that they will hardly get through the Winter. The poor women are already besieging the doors of the Managers in earnest entreaty that the work may be begun, and such assistance was never more needed than at the present time. Under these circumstances, they feel that the best course will be to go on, so long only as their funds hold out, hoping that the sales from the store, (No. 2 Amity-street,) and such assistance as the friends of the Society may be able to render, will carry them through the Winter.

It is with deep regret this announcement is made, as in April last, when the season closed, the Managers felt that by unwearied exertions they had succeeded in establishing themselves on a permanent basis, and by economy and judicious management might continue this truly useful charity for many years. The disasters which have overwhelmed the community have reached even this humble charity, and it is with aching hearts the Managers think of the disappointment in their hopes of benefiting the suffering poor. A subscription list will be opened at the store, (No. 2 Amity-street,) where the smallest subscriptions will be gratefully received. The purchase of garments from the store is one of the greatest charities that can be bestowed. The facility is entirely free from debt.

ELIZA F. BRINGHAM, Secretary.

Persons wishing to purchase for the poor may obtain balance of stock, consisting of unfinished garments, at low prices. A full assortment will be found after Nov. 20.

Burglary in New-Jersey.—A few nights since a burglary was committed on the store of James Welsh, Jr., at German Valley, Morris County, N. J. Some pieces of silk, jewelry, clothing and miscellaneous dry goods were stolen. One of the robbers was arrested and committed to the Deputy's office, where he remained with the case, and will doubtless succeed in arresting the guilty parties, as they are supposed to be in the City.

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MARINE

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COLLARS, COLLARS, COLLARS.

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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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LONG ISLAND.

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WANTED.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A COMPETENT GIRL, A SITUATION as cook; she can do her work in a private family; is willing to do the work of the house; best of City references can be given. Call or address

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A STEADY, COMPETENT GIRL, as cook and to assist in the washing and ironing; she understands her business perfectly; best of City references given. Call at No. 26

WANTED—A SITUATION AS WAITER, OR AS CHAMBERMAID, by a young lady; is a good sewer; is willing to do plain sewing; best of City references given. Call at No. 26 Bleecker-st., third floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS SEAMSTRESS AND CHAMBERMAID, by a competent young woman; is willing to do her sewing; is a good sewer; is perfectly competent; can give the best of City references. Call at No. 26 Bleecker-st., third floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION, BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN, as chambermaid and waitress, or to take care of children; is a good sewer; is willing to do plain sewing

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